K England. Henry VIII.

ANNO XXV. HENRICI VIII.

ACTIS MADE IN THE SESSION OF THIS PRESENT PARLIMENT

holden vppon prorogation at Westmynster, the. XV. daye of Januarie, in the. XXV. yere of the reigne of our moste dradde soueraygne lorde kynge HENRY the. VIII. and there contynued and kepte tylle the XXX. daye of Marche than nexte ensuinge: to the honour of god and holy Church, and for the common weale and profyte of this his realme.

LONDINI IN AEDIBVS THOMAE BERTHELETI REGII IMPRESSORIS.

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WHere as dyuers and sondry actes and statutes haue late-ly ben made and estabylyshed within this realme, for pre-seruation of the common welthe of the same: amonges whiche the acte for sellynge of brosse, mutton, veale, and porke by weyghte, is so necessarye for the preseruation of the powertye of the same, that it maye in no wyse be forborne. And for as moche as sufficient auctorytie is not gyuen by the sayde acte, to the Justices of peace, mayres, baillyffes, shyrefes, and other officers, reherced in the same acte, for to punysshe offendours, and suche other as wyll not selle by weyghte, accordynge to the force of the sayde acte. And the bouchers and other offenders perceyuyng the same, not dredynge the violation of the sayde acte, nor the punyshementes conteyned in the same acte, haue wylfullye and obstinatelye contempned and offended the sayde acte, and wolle in no wyse selle after the same, to the hyghe displeasure of the kynges hyghenes, in contempte of his sayde lawes, and to the greatte detrimente of the common welthe of this realme. Be it therfore further enacted by auctorytie of this presente parliament, that from the. xx. day of Februarie, in the yere of oure lorde god. M. D. XXXIII. it shall be laufull to all and euery mayres, shyrefes, constables, baylyffes, and other gouernours, of cities, borroughes, and market townes, as well within lyberties, as without, to whome any complaynt shall be made of or vpon any boucher, his wyfe, seruantes, or other his ministers, refusyng to selle the sayd victuals, by true and laufull weyght, accordynge to the tenour of the sayde acte herto-fore made: not only to commyt euery suche boucher, and other suche offenders, to warde, there to remayne without bayle or mayneprise, vntyll suche tyme as they and euery of them shall haue payde all the forfaytes and penaltyes, comprised in the sayde former acte, but also euery of the sayd maires, and other officers afore sayde, and theyr deputies, shall immediately selle and vtter, or cause to be solde, and vttered for redy money, by true weyght, all suche victuals so refused to be retayled and solde by true and laufull weyght, accordyng to the effect of the said former act, delyuerynge alwayes the money therof comynge, vnto the owners of the same victuals: whiche owners shall be vtterly and for euer excluded to haue any action, suite, or demand agaynste any suche mayre, or other officers or theyr deputies, for sellyng or vttrynge of the sayde victuals, by trewe and laufull weyght, in forme afore sayde, or for any other cause or thynge concernynge the same: Except onely for the money receyued for the same victuals, if it be not vppon reasonable requeste therof to be made, payde, or restored without delaye.

And to the intent that the bouchers from tyme to tyme, maye be the more redye and able to vtter and selle the sayde victuals by trewe and laufulle

weight: It is further ordeyned, eſtablyſhed, & enacted, by the auctorite afore ſayde, that euery owner, graſier, fermour, breder, drouer, and brogger of this realme, whiche after the ſayd day ſhall haue any beeſtis, muttons, beales, or porkes, fatte and kepte to be ſolde for mans meate, ſhall at all tymes whan ſo euer any boucher or bouchers, or other perſonne or perſones, ſhall reſorte to theym to bye the ſame to be kylled or retayled ageyne by laufull weyght, ſhall make ſale of theyr ſayde cattalles to euery ſuche boucher or bouchers, as wyll bye the ſame to be retayled by lawfulle weight, as is afore ſayde, at ſuche reaſonable price or prices: Soo as the ſayde bouchers or others, alwayes maye retayle the ſame ageyne by lawfull weyght, as is aforeſayde, accordynge to the effecte of the ſayde former acte, made for the ſellyng of fleſhe by weyght. The ſayd bouchers alwais payenge for the ſame cattall redy money in hande, or at ſuche dayes as the owners of the ſayde cattall maye be agreed withall. And if the ſayde owners, graſiers, fermours, breders, drouers, and broggers, or any of them, at any tyme or tymes after the ſayde. xx. daye of Februarie, ſhall refuſe to ſette any ſuche reaſonable price, and to make ſale of theyr ſayde cattall, in forme aforeſayde, to the boucher or bouchers, or to any other perſone or perſons, that woll bye and kylle, and retayle the ſame ageyne by lawfulle weyghte (as is aforeſayde) that then euery Juſtice of peace, within the lymittes of his commiſſion, inhabytynge nerte vnto the place, where ſuche refuſall ſhall be made: and mayres or bayliffies of other places corporated vpon complaynt to be made to hym or them therof, by any boucher or bouchers, or other, whiche wolde bye the ſayde cattall to ſelle ageyne (as is aforeſayde) ſhall haue fulle power and auctoryte by vertue of this preſente acte, to directe his or theyr precepte, vnder his or theyr ſeale, vnto foure, three, or two honeſte, diſcrete, and indifferente perſonnes, not beinge fermours, tenauntes, or ſeruantes, to the owners of the ſayde cattalle, commaundynge theym by the ſame, to ſette and tare the ſayde prices indifferentelye betwene the ſayde partyes, in ſuche diſcrete wyſe, as the bouchers, whiche ſhall bye the ſayde catalle to retaylle and ſelle agayne (as is aforeſayde) ſhall be no loſers in vtterynge the fleſſhe of the ſame cattall ageyne by laufull weight. And if any owner, fermour, graſyer, breder, or brogger (as is aforeſayde) or any of the ſayde foure, three, or two indifferente perſonnes, ſoo to be appoynted by the ſayde Juſtyces, Mayres, or Baillyues, or by any of theym, atte anye tyme after the ſayde daye, refuſe to obeye and perfourme the tenoure of the ſayde precepte, or to vtter and ſelle theyr cattalle of lyke nature, as is aboue reherſed, in fourme afore ſayde: that theme all and euerye the ſayde owners, fermours, graſiers, drouers, breders, and broggers, and alſo the ſayde fowre, three, or two indifferente perſonnes, and euerye of theym, makynge any ſuche refuſalle or denyalle, or not executynge, or not obeyinge the ſame, if hit be within foure dayes, before anye of the foure termes of yerely exercyſynge or keppynge the lawes of this realme,

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shall be commaunded by any of the sayde Justices, mayres, or bayllisses, euery suche offendour vpon peyne of.xl. pounder personally to appere before the kynges hyghnes, and the lordes of his moost honorable counsaile in the sterred chaumbre at Westmynster, or other place of theyr common assemblie, in the terme nexte ensuinge the same fortye dayes, there to make fine and abyde suche further punyshement, as shall be thought moost conuenyent by the discretion of the chaunceilour of Englande, the Treasourer of Englande, and other the lordes of the sayde counsell for the tyme beynge for theyr sayde refusalle, or other theyr sayde offence. And yf any suche offence or refusalle shalle happen to be committed, in fourme afore sayde, durynge tyme of any of the sayde foure termes: thanne lyke monytion, peyne, and certificat shalle be made by anye of the sayde Justices, Mayres, or Baillyffes, in fourme before rehersed, atte the nexte terme then folowynge.

¶ And if that any tyme after the forsayde twentye daye of Februarie, any of the sayde Justices, or Mayres, or Baillyffes of places corporated, vpon any complaynte so to be made to them, or to any of theym, in fourme afore sayde, do not in tyme and place conuenient, vpon reasonable requeste, awarde his precepte vnto suche foure, three, or two, as he shall thynke by his discreation to be indifferente, persones, and also gyue monition vpon peyne, as is afore sayd, and make trewe relation and certificat by wryting vnto the kynges sayde hyghnes, and vnto his sayde counsayle, in fourme afore sayde, of the sayde refusall, or other afore sayde misbehauour, of any of the sayde owners, fermours, grasiers, drouers, breders, and broggers afore sayde, and also of the sayde foure, three, or two indifferente persons, as the truthe of the case shall requyre: If the sayde Justices, Mayres, or Bayllieffes of places corporate, in tyme and place conuenyente, be reasonably required so to doo: that then euerye the sayde Justices, Maires, and Baylliffes afore sayde, beynge resonablye requiredde in tyme and place conuenyente to make his warrant, or to gyue monition, or to make true relation and certificat accordynge to the tenour of this acte, and refusynge that to do in forme as is aboue remembred, shal lose and forfayte for euery suche defaute forty shillinges. And if the sayde mayres, shireffes, Constables, or other gouernours of cities, boroughes, and other markette townes, or anye of theym, within the lymyttes of theyr auctorities, by them selfe, or by suche other as they or anye of theym shall therynto limitte and appoynt by theyr precept, do not cause the sayde kindes of victuall from tyme to tyme to be retayled, vttered, and solde by lawfull weyght, accordynge to the tenoure of the sayde former acte: that then euerye of the same Mayres and other officers afore sayde, shall loose and forfayte the some of fortye shillynges for euery tyme that reformation, accordynge to the effecte and tenoure of this presente acte, in his or theyr defaulte, is not therof by euerye of theym hadde and made vppon any suche reasonable complaynt made in fourme afore sayde.

And that the one moytie of the forfaytures aforesayd, shall be to the vse of the kynges hyghnes, his heyres and successours: and the other moitie vnto any other person or persons, that woll sue for the same, by bylle, playnt, information, action of dette, or other wyse, wherin the defendaunte shall not be admytted to the wager of his lawe, nor none essoyne or protection shalbe allowed for his defence in that behalfe.

¶ And be it further enacted, by the auctoritye aforesayde, that the Mayre and shyreffes, alwayes for the tyme beynge of the cytie of London, shall cause all and euery the foresayde victuals to be vttered and solde by lawfull weight within the sayd citie, and the liberties of the same, accordynge to the tenour of the sayde former acte, and also of this present acte, vppon peyne to lose and forfayt the somme of. xl.s. for euery tyme that complaint therof to them or to any of them, be reasonably made, and the same complaynte or complayntis not by them remedied and redressed in maner and fourme aforesayd. And that the one moytie of euery such forfaiture shalbe to the kynges highnes, his heyres, and successours: and the other moytie to any other person or persons, that woll sue for the same in any courte of Recorde of this realme, in lyke maner as is afore rehersed.

¶ And for as moche as beoffes, muttons, beales, and porkes, by many occasions fortune in some one yere, or in some one tyme of the yere, to be more scarce or more dere, than at an other, by meane wherof the grasiers and bouchers, in suche a dere tyme, shall not be able to afforde the same at suche prices and rates, as when they be in more plentie, and better chepe: Be it therfore further enacted, by the auctoritie aforesayd, that the kynges highnes, his heyres, and successours, kynges of this realme, frome tyme to tyme vppon any complayntes made of any scarcitie or lacke of beoffes, muttons, beales, or porkes, shall and maye from tyme to tyme cause proclamation to be made vnder the greatte seale, in suche parties of this realme, as shall seme to his highnes, his heires or successours moste conuenient, that the bouchers and other, whiche be compellable to sell flesshe by weyght, at prices lymitted in the sayde acte, made for sellynge of flesshe by weyghte, shall and may selle for the tyme to be limitted in suche proclamation, beoffes, muttons, beales, and porkes by retayle without weight, as heretofore hath ben accustomed: or els by weyght at suche reasonable prices, as shall be lymytted by the sayd proclamation, and as shall please the kynges hyghnes, his heyres or successours to lymitte and appoynt by the sayde proclamation, vppon suche peyne as shall be conteyned in suche proclamations, to be loste and leuyed to the kynges vse, accordynge to the tenour of euery suche proclamation. And that as well euery boucher and other, for sellynge of beoffe, mutton, beale, or porke by retayle, by vertue of suche proclamation, within the tymes to be lymytted in the same, as euery other persone and persons, being bounden by auctoritie of this act, to se the sayd bouchers so to do, vpon the peynes aboue especified, shalbe discharged and acquited by auctoritie of euery suche proclamation of all

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penalties, peynes, forfaytures, and losses, whiche they shulde haue suffered and loste by vertue of the sayde acte, made for sellynge of flesshe by weyghte, or by vertue of this present acte, in case no suche proclamation had ben made: any thynge in the sayde acte, made for sellynge of flesshe by weyghte, or in this present acte conteyned, to the contrarie hereof not withstandynge.

¶And where by an acte passed, sythen the begynnynge of this presente parlyament, it was ordeyned and prouided, that no person or persons, bouchers or other, inhabytynge within this realme, Wales, or marches of the same, shulde frome the fyrste daye of Januarie laste passe, durynge two hole yeres, from thensforthe nexte folowynge, kylle or cause to be killed any yonge suckynge calfe or calfes, to be solde or put to sale to any persone or persons, hole or by retayle, whiche calfe or calues shulde happen to fall or be calued, betwene the sayde fyrste day of Januarie, and the sayde fyrst day of May, in any of the sayde two yeres, vpon certayne peynes conteined in the sayde acte, as by the same acte more at large is expressed: The kynge our souerayne lorde, of his moste excellent goodnes, to the intente that his louynge subiectes shulde be the better prouyded of plentie of victualle ageyne this holy tyme of Easter nexte commynge: and so frome thensforthe durynge this yere, is therfore pleased and contented, that it be establyshed and enacted, by auctorite of this present parlyament, that all bouchers, and other sellynge flesshe by retayle, may lawfully from the XII. daye of Marche, whiche shall be in the yere of our lorde god. M. D. XXXIII. vnto the fyrst day of Januarye nexte commynge, kyll and selle calues by retayle by weyght, according to the sayd statute made for sellyng of flesshe by weyght, or els according to suche proclamation, as shall please the kynges highnes to make for the same, in fourme as is aboue rehersed, if any suche proclamation happen to be made, the sayde late acte made for kyllynge of calues, to endure for two yeres, to the contrarye therof not withstandynge.

¶And be it further enacted, by the auctorite of this present parlyament, that the sayde acte made for kyllyng of calues shall begynne to take effect at the fyrste daye of Januarie nexte commynge, and frome thensforthe shall endure and contynue two hole yeres nexte after that ensuynge, any thing conteined in this present act to the contrary therof not withstãdyng.

¶An acte of proclamation to be made concernynge victualles. Capit. ii.

FOr as moche as derth, scarsitie, good chepe, & plentie of chese, butter, capons, hennes, chekyns, and other victualles necessary for mens sustenance happeneth, ryseth, and chaunceth of so many & dyuers occasions, that it is very harde and difficile to put any certayne prices to any suche thynges. And yet neuer the

uer the lesse the prices of suche victualles be many tymes inhaunsed and reysed, by the gredye couetousnes and appetites of the owners of suche victuals, by occasion of ingrossynge and regratynge the same, more then vppon any resonable or iuste grounde or cause, to the great damage and empouerysshinge of the kynges subiectes. For remedy wherof be it enacted by the auctorite of this present parlyament, that vpon euery complaynte made of any enhansynge of prices of suche victualles, without grounde or cause reasonable in any parte of this realme, or in any other the kynges dominions, the lorde Chauncellour of Englande, the lorde treasourer, the lorde presydent of the kinges moost honourable counsell, the lorde priuey seale, the lorde stewarde, the lorde Chamberleyne, and all other lordes of the kynges counsayle, the treasourer and comptroller of the kynges moste honorable house, the Chancellour of the duchie of Lancaster, the kynges Justices of eyther benche, the chauncellour, chamberleyns, vnder treasourer, and the barons of the kynges eschequire, or. vii. of them at the leest, wherof the lorde Chancellour, the lorde Treasourer, the lorde president of the kynges counsayle, or the lorde priuey seale to be one: shall haue power and auctorite, from tyme to tyme, as the case shall requyre: to sette and tare reasonable prices of al suche kyndes of victuals aboue specified, howe they shalbe solde in grosse, or by retayle, for relefe of the kynges subiectes: And that after suche prices set and tared, in forme afore sayde, proclamation shall be made in the kynges name, vnder the greatte seale, of the sayde prices, in suche parties of this realme as shall be conuenyent for the same.

And be it enacted, that all fermours, owners, broggers, and all other victuallers what so euer, hauing or kepyng any of the kyndes of victuals afore rehersed, to the intent to sell, shal sel the same to such the kynges subiectes, as wyll bye them, at such prices as shalbe set & tared by the sayd proclamation, vpon the peynes to be expressed and limitted in the said proclamation, to be loste, forfayted, and leuied to the kynges vse, in suche wyse as by the same proclamation shalbe declared.

Prouyded alwaye that this acte, or any thynge therin conteyned, shall not be hurtfull to mayres, shereffes, bayliffes, or other officers of cityes, boroughes or townes corporate, nor to any person or persons, or bodyes politike, hauynge auctorite to set prices of suche victualles, or of any of them: but that they and euery of them may set prices therof, as if this act had neuer ben had nor made.

And be it further enacted by auctorite afore sayd, that no person or persons, oneles it be by lycence vnder the kynges great seale, from henseforth shall carye or conuey, or cause to be caried & conueyed, any corne, beoffes, muttons, veales, porkes, or any other of the aboue sayde victualles, to any the parties beyonde the see, excepte onely for the victuallinge of the towne of Calais, Guisnes, Hammes, and the marches of the same: And except for victuallyng of maysters, maryners, and merchantis of shippes, pas-

paſſynge the ſees; and alſo excepte barelled butter, and meale to be caried to the parties of Iſelonde, as hath ben accuſtomed, vpon peyne of forfattyng of the value of the thyng conueyde and caried into the parties of beyonde the ſee contrarye to this acte. The one halfe therof to the vſe of our ſayde ſouerayne lorde, and the other halfe to the partie that will ſewe for the ſame, by bill, playnt, wryt, or information in any of the kynges courtis. In whiche ſuites the denfendant ſhall not wage his lawe, nor any protection or eſſoyne for hym ſhall be allowed.

¶ An act concernynge ſtandynge mutt and peremptorie chalenge. Ca. iii.

Where at your parlyament holden at Weſtmynſter in the xxiii. yere of youre mooſte noble reygne, amongeſt other thynges, it was ordeyned, eſtablyſhed, and enacted, that no perſon nor perſons, whiche thereafter ſhuld happen to be founde gyltie after the lawes of this lande for any manet of petye treaſon, or for any wylfull murder of malyce prepenſed, or for robbynge of any churches, chapelles or other holy places, or for robbynge of any perſone or perſones in theyr dwellynge houſes, or dwellynge place, the owner or dweller in the ſame howſe, his wyfe, his chyldren or ſeruantes then beinge within, and put in feare & drede by the ſame: or for robbing of any perſon or perſons in or nere aboute the high way, or for wylfull burning of any dwelling houſes or bernes, wherin any graine of cornes ſhal happen to be, nor any perſon or perſons beinge founde giltie of any abbettement, procurement, helpynge, mayntenynge, or counſaylynge, of or to any ſuche petyte treaſon, murders, or felonies, ſhulde from thens forth be admitted to the benefite of his or theyr clergie, but vtterly be excluded therof, and ſuffre deathe in ſuche maner and fourme as they ſhuld haue done for any the cauſes or offences aboue ſayd, if they were no clerkes: Suche as be within holye orders, that is to ſey, of the orders of ſubdeacon or aboue, all oneiye excepte, as more at large appereth by the ſayde acte. And for as moche as the ſaide acte extendeth onely to ſuche perſons, as be founde gyltie after the dewe courſe of the lawes of this lande, dyuers and many great arrant robbers, murderers, burglaries, and felons, that do offende and commytte dyuers and many petye treaſons, robberies, burglaries, and felonies, contrarye to the tenour of the ſayd acte, percepynge and clerely vnderſtandynge, that by the wordes of the ſame ſtatute and acte, that they ſhall not leſe the benefite and aduantage of their clergie, onles that they be founde gyltie after the due courſe of the lawe, vpon theyr arreynement of & vpon the ſaid felonies, robberies, and other offences before ſayd, ſo by them done and committed, by reaſon wherof, dyuers and many of the ſame robbers, and felons, vpon theyr arreynemente of the ſame robberies and felonies, vppon theyr

theyr inditementes agaynste them, stonde muet, and sometyme challenge peremptorie ouer the nombre of .xx. or els wyl not directely answere to the same inditementes, wherupon they be so arreyned, accordyng to the order of the lawe. And for that that these espetiall cases be not expressely compryssed and conteyned within the letter of the same statute, it is necessarie and expedient, that the same case be clerely and diffinitiuely expounded and declared by auctorite of this present parlyament. And where also as dyuers and manye felons and robbers, that commytte and doo dyuers and many greatte heynous robberies, and burgularies in one shyre, and conuey the spoyle and robberie in to any other shire, and there be taken, indyted, and arrayned upon felonie and felonous stealynge of the same goodes, in the same other shyre, than there, where the same robberies or burglaries were done and commytted, and not upon the same robberie nor burgularie, for that it was not done nor commytted in the same shyre, where they be so indited and arreyned, and by reason therof the same myssdemeaners, felons, robbers, and burglaries haue and enioye the priuilege and aduantage of theyr clergie, to the great hurte and losse of the kynges prerogatiue, and greate boldenes of suche offenders.

¶ In consideration wherof, be it enacted by the kynge oure soueraygne lorde, the lordes spiritualle and temporalle, and the commons in this presente parlyament assembled, and by auctorytie of the same, that euerye personne and personnes that is, or hereafter shall be indyted of petye treason, wylfull bournynge of houses, murder, robberye, or burglarye, or other felonie, accordynge to the tenour and meanynge of the same statute, and therupon arrayned, and do stonde muet of malice or froward mynd, or challenge peremptorie aboue the nombre of .xx. or els wyll not or do not answere directly to the same inditement and felonie, wherupon heis so arreyned, shal from henseforthe lose the benefite and priuilege of his or their clergie, in lyke maner and forme, as if he had directly pleaded to the same petye treason, murder, robberie, burglarie, or other felonie, wherupon he is so arreyned, not gyltie, and therupon hadde be founde gyltie, after the lawes of the lande.

¶ And by the same auctorittie be hit further enacted, that yf any personne or persones hereafter be indited of felonye for stealynge of any goodes or cattals, in any countye within this realme of Englande, and therupon arrayned and be founde gyltie, or stonde muet of malice, or chalenge peremptorye aboue the nombre of twentye personnes, as is aforesayde, or wyll not upon his sayde arreyniement directely aunswere to the same felonie: that then the same person and persons so arrayned and founde giltie, or stonde muet of malice, or challenge peremptorie aboue the nombre of twenty persones, or wyll not directly answere to the lawe, shall lose and be put frome the benefytte of theyr clergie in lyke maner and fourme as they shulde haue ben, if they had ben indited and arreyned, and founde giltie in the same countye, where the same robberie or burgularie was doone

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or commytted, if it shall appere to the Justices, before whome any suche felons or robbers be arrayned by euidence geuen before theym, or by examination, that the same felonies, wherupon they be so arreyned, had ben suche robberies or burgularies, in the same shere, where suche robberies or burglaries were committed or done, by reson wherof they shoulde haue loste the benefite of theyr clergie by force of the sayde estatute, in case they had ben founde gylty therof in the same shere, where suche robberies or burgularies were so commytted and done.

¶ An acte agaynste forstallynge and regratynge of fyshe. Ca. iiii.

Where as before this tyme dyuers actes of parliament haue ben made by the kinges most noble progenitours ageinste forstallers & regratours of vittaile, and other marchandise in marketes and feyres within this realme of Englande, whiche former statutes, not onely for lacke of due execution of the same, but also for lacke of condygne punishemente in the sayd statutes conteyned, be lyttell feared or regarded: for dyuers and many of the kinges subiectes contrarye to the meaninge of the sayde estatutes, nothynge regardynge the displeasure of almightye god, and of the kynges hyghnes, ne yet the loue and charite, that they ought to haue to theyr neyghbours and commmon wealthe of this realme, for theyr pryuate lucre and syngular auayle, commonly in euery markette and feyre within this realme, do forstalle and regrate al maner of vittayle, as corne, wynes, fyshe, and flesshe, and specially in Sturbryge feyre, sayncte Ines feyre, and Elye feyre, beynge the most notable feyres within this realme, for prouysions of fyshe, and mooste to the releue of the kynges subiectes, yf suche forstallynge and regratynge myghte be sette on syde, whiche is moche vsed by the inhabytauntes of London, and other the kinges subiectes, that onely before the sayde fayres, resorte to the easte see syde or see costes, and there bye vppon the stone all maner of fyshe, as well the fysshe that cometh from Islande, as the fyshe that is taken in the sayde east see or see costis, nere adioynynge to the partyes of this realme, & incontinently they repaire to the sayd Sturbryge feyre, and from thens to the sayd other feyres, and there they selle ageyne the sayd fyshe in maner at their owne price and pleasure, and not only sell the same fyshe there, but also they bye vp all maner of fyshe thether broughte by any personne, as saltefysshe, stockefysshe, lynge, haburden, lobbefysshe, and such other kyndes of saltfyshe, and sell the same ageine in the same feyre or feires: so that the kynges subiectes be dryuen to bye all suche fyshe, as to theym is requisite and necessarye at the seconde, thyrde, or fourth honde: by reason wherof a greatte scarsenes and derthe doothe insue to the kynges subiectes in all places throughout this realme, to the great

great displeasure of al myghtye god, and of the kynges highnes, and to the great impouerishynge of the kynges subiettes.

¶ Be it therfore enacted, by auctorite of this presente parliament, that no maner of persone or persons, of what estate, degre, or condition he or they be, other than suche persone or persones, as nowe be, or hereafter shall be marchant venterers to Islonde for the sayde fysshe, or that be doggers, otherwise called doggermen, or suche as nowe, or hereafter shall be fysshermen, that actually labour for the takynge of the sayde fysshe in the sayd east see syde, or easte see coste, shall bye anye of the kyndes of the sayde fysshe at or vpon the stone, or at the sayd easte see syde, or easte see costis, to sell the same fysshe ageyne, or any part therof, at any of the sayd feyre or feires, called Sturbridge feyre, sayncte Iues feyre, or Elye feyre: and that no maner of person or persons, other then the sayd merchantes venterers, doggers, or fysshermen, shall from hensforth sel any saltfysshe, stockefysshe, lynge, haburden, lobefysshe, or suche other kynde of saltfisshe, at or within any of the sayde feire or feyres, wherof the kynde of the sayd fysshe is vsually wont to be leyde vpon londe, at the sayde easte see syde.

¶ Also it is enacted, that no maner of person or persones, beynge owner or owners of any of the sayde shyppe or shyppes, ne yet any maister or masters of the sayd shippes, shal at any tyme hereafter, bie any dole or dooles of anye of the mariners, of anye of the sayde shyppe or shyppes, called the mariners dole fysshe.

¶ And also it is further enacted, by the auctoritie aboue sayd, that no maner of persone or persones, from hensefoorthe, shall forstalle and bye any of the said fysshe, in compynge to the sayd feyre or feyres, to sel the same agayne in any of the sayde feyres: excepte it be for the necessarie vittaylyng of the sayde feyre or feyres, to be there eaten and spente, durynge the tyme of the sayde feyres.

¶ It is also enacted, by the auctorytie aforesayde, that no maner of persone or persones at anye tyme hereafter shall bye anye stockefysshe, saltefysshe, lynge, haburden, lobbefysshe, or any other kynde of saltefysshe, with in the sayde feyre or feyres, to selle the same ageyne within the sayde feyre or feyres, excepte hit be for the necessarye vittaylynge of the sayde feyre or feyres, to be eaten and spente within the same feyres, durynge the tyme of the sayde feyre and feyres: Vppon the peyne to euerye persone or personnes, soo offendynge anye of the sayde articles before rehersed, contrarye to the meanynge of this acte, to forfayte the same fysshe, so bought, forstalledde, or regratedde, The one halfe therof to be to the kynge oure soueraygne lorde, and the other halfe to be to the partye, that wolle sease or take his accyon or suite for the same: And that hit be lefulle to all and syngular the kynges subiectes, to take the same fysshe soo forfayte by the waye of seyser, or to sue for the same by originall wrytte, bylle, information in the kynges eschequire, or in any other the kynges courtes of record, or in the same courte of the sayde feyre or feyres, called the courte of Pe-

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powders, at his or they; pleasure: in which action or suite the defendant or defendantes shall not wage they; laiwe, ne yet be aided by essoyn or protection. And that the stewarde of euery of the sayde feyres for tyme beinge, shall yerely cause this present estatute to be openly proclaymed and redde at thre seuerall dayes within the same feyre, that is to say, at two seuerall days in the begynnyng of the same feyre, and at a nother day, in the middes of the same feyre, to the intent the kynges subiectes may be throughlye instructed of euery article conteyned in this estatute, vpon the peyne of forfaiture of hes sayd office of Stewardeshyppe, and to forfayte to our soueraygne lorde the kynge, for euerye suche defaulte, that proclamation is not made, as is aboue sayde. xl.s.

Prouyded alwaye, and be hit enacted, that none of the sayde merchantes venterers, doggermen, or fyshermen, shall at any tyme hereafter bye any fyshe at the Stone, at the easte see syde, or see coastis, to selle the same fyshe agayne in the sayde feyre or feyres, by couyne or fraude, to the vse of any other person or persons, other then for they; onely vse or vses, vppon lyke peyne as is aboue rehersed: And that euery of the kynges subiectes may haue lyke aduantage by seysure of the same fyshe, or by way of action or suite, for the wynnynge or gaynynge of the same, as is aforesayde. And also that no maner of person or persons hereafter be reputed or taken to be a marchant venterer, to take aduantage or benefite of this acte: except his aduenture in the sayd shyppe or shyppes to Iselond, shal amount to the somme of. xx.li. without fraude or couyn.

Prouided always that this acte nor any thynge therin conteyned, shall be in any wyse hurtefull or prejudicialL vnto any person or persons, being fyshers dwellynge or inhabitynge in any place or places benorth the ryuer of Humbre: but that they and euery of them may vse their crafte and sellynge of all maner of fyshe, by them or any of them hereafter to be taken benorthe the sayde ryuer of Humbre aforesayde, in lyke maner and fourme, as they or any other they; predecessours fyshers haue vsed to do heretofore: And that the byers of the same fyshe may lawfully sell the same in any of the sayde feyres, in maner and forme as in the aboue sayde acte is conteyned, any thynge in the sayde acte, to the contrary made, or expressed to the contrary not withstandynge.

An acte for callendrynge of worstedes. Cap. b.

Where as at the parlyamente holden at Westmynster, the. XXIII. daye of Januarie, in the. b. yere of our soueraigne lordes reigne the kynge, that nowe is, there was an acte and one estatute made, prouided, and established, for the auoydyng of deceites & fallses in worstedes, as well by reason of dyre callendrynge therof, with gummes, oyles, and presses, as also by weete callendrynge,

lendynge, by persones haupnge no counnynge in ordernge of the same: whiche acte was made to endure but onely to the parlyamente then nexte folowynge. And for as moche as it is evidently knowen, that the same act and estatute aforesayde, is very good and necessarie for the common welth of this realme: Wherfore the kynge our soverayngne lorde by the advyse and consent of his lordes spirituall and temporalle, and the commons of this present parlyament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same hath ordeyned, enacted, and establysshed, that the sayde acte and estatute, made in the. v. yere of his moste noble reigne aforesayde, and every thyng therin conteyned, shall from the feaste of saynt Mychaell the archangell nexte comynge, contynue and be good and effectuall in every poynte and article of the same for ever.

¶ And furthermore be it enacted and establysshed, by the auctoritie afore saide, for the common welthe of the citie of Norwiche, and mayntenance, supportation, and vpholdyng of the houses, tenementes, and habitations of the same, that no maner persone vsynge the crafte or misterie of dienge of worstedes, stanyns, or sayes, or of anye of them, nother by them selfes, or any seruant, factour, deputie, or any other by his commaundement or assignement, from the feaste of Christmas nowe nexte ensewynge, shall vse to callender any worstedes, stamens, or sayes, or any other commodites made of worstede yarne, durynge all suche tyme as the same persone shall vse the misterie or craft of dyenge aforesayde, vpon peyne to forfaite for euery piece so died and callenderde by colour, coyn, fraude, or contrarie to the true meanyng and entent of this present act. xl. s. and to be deuided in thre egall parties, the one part therof to the kyng our soveraigne lorde, and one other parte to the mayre for the tyme beynge, and the thirde parte to hym or them that wyll sue for the same by bylle, action of dette, playnt, information, or otherwise, in any of the kynges courtes: wherin none essone, delay, or protection shall be allowed.

¶ An acte for the punyshement of the vice of buggerye. Cap. vi.

For as moch as there is not yet sufficient & condigne punishmēt, appointed & limitted by the due course of the lawes of this realme, for the detestable & abominable vice of buggeri cōmitted with mankind or beest. It may therfore plese the kinges highnes, with the assent of his lordes spirituall & temporal, & the cōmons of this present parliament assembled, that it may be enacted by auctorite of the same, that the same offence be from hensforth adiuged felony, and suche order and fourme of proces therin to be vsed ageinste the offendours, as in cases of felonie at the cōmon lawe. And that the offenders being therof conuict by verdicte, confession, or outlaurie, shal suffre suche peynes of dethe, and losses, and penalties of their goodes, cattals, dettes, londes, tenementes, and heredytamentes, as felons benne accustomed to

do atcoꝛdynge to the oꝛdeꝛ of the common lawes of this realme. And that no perſon offendynge in any ſuche offence, ſhalbe admitted to his clergye. And that iuſtices of peace ſhall haue powꝛ and auctoꝛitie within the limittes of theyꝛ commiſſions and iuriſdiction, to heꝛe and determyne the ſayde offence, as they do vſe to do in caſes of other felonies. This acte to endure tyll the laſte daye of of the nexte parlyament.

¶An acte againſt kyllynge of yonge ſpaume oꝛ frye of peles and Salmon. Cap. vii.

FOꝛ as moche as great hurte and daylye inconuenience haue and do enſue vnto al the kynges ſubiectes of this realme by the gredy apetites and inſatiable deſire, whiche ſondꝛy of them occupienge fyſhynge, haue vſed, by takynge, kyllynge, and deſtroying the yonge ſpaume, frie, oꝛ bꝛode of peles and ſalmon, as welle in ſalte ryuers as in freſhe ryuers, lakes, plaſhes, fennes, and marſhes in many parties of this realme, to the no lytell hynderaunce and derogation of the common weale of the ſame, as alſo in kyllynge of ſalmons, when they be vnſeaſonable and not holſome foꝛ mans body, called commonly kypper ſalmons: It is therfoꝛe enacted by the kynge our ſouereyne loꝛde, the loꝛdes ſpirituall and tempoꝛall, and the commons in this pꝛeſent parliament aſſembled, & by the auctoꝛitie of the ſame, that from the fyꝛſte daye of Febꝛuarie nexte commynge, vnto the laſte daye of July then nexte enſuenge, and ſo yerely from thenſeforth durynge the ſpace of tenne yeres, no maner of perſon oꝛ perſons, of what eſtate, degree, oꝛ condition ſo euer they be, with any maner of nette, wele, oꝛ with any deuiſe oꝛ engine made of heare, canuas, oꝛ with any other cautele, ſhal wyllyngly pꝛeſume to take any frye, ſpaume, oꝛ bꝛode of yeles, called yele fares, oꝛ Ell bares, in any ryuers oꝛ waters ſalte oꝛ freſſhe, within this realme of Englande, oꝛ Wales, oꝛ in the marches of the ſame. And ouer this that durynge the ſayde ten yeres, no maner of perſon oꝛ perſons, from the firſt day of May, whiche ſhalbe in the yere of our loꝛde god. M. D. XXXV. vnto the firſt day of Septembꝛe then nexte folowing, & ſo yerely from thensforth, during the ſaide .x. yeres, ſhall pꝛeſume willingly to take oꝛ diſtroy in oꝛ by meanes of any wele, butte, net, berde net of heare, tanning, lepe, hiue, crele, rawe web, liſter, ſier, oꝛ by any other engine in Ludgate, ſalmon pipe, oꝛ at the tayle of any mylle oꝛ were, oꝛ in any ſtreames, ryuers, riues, oꝛ bꝛokes, ſalte oꝛ freſſhe within the realme of Englande, Wales, Barwike, and the marches of the ſame, the yonge frye, ſpaume, oꝛ bꝛode of any kynde of ſalmon, called lakſpinkes, ſmoltes, oꝛ ſalmon pele. And that no maner of perſone oꝛ perſons, of what degree oꝛ condition he ſhall be of, from the feaſte of the exaltation of the holy croſſe, to the feaſte of ſaynct Martine in winter, durynge the ſayde tenne yeres, ſhall wyllyngly by any meanes

afore sayde, or other wise kyll or distroye any salmons, not in season, called kypper salmons, within anye freshe ryuer or salte ryuer, or in places, where at that tyme suche salmons haue naturallye theyr repayre, within this realme of Englande, Wales, Barwyke, or within the marches of the same. And if any person or persones, after any of the sayd dayes limitted in this present acte, offende in any of the poyntes before rehersed, contrarie to the tenour, fourme, and purporte of any parte of the same: then euerye suche persone or persones (soo offendynge) shall lose and forfayte for euerye tyme of his or theyr suche offence, the summe of fyue poundes, and the fyshe. And also the vnlaufull nettis, and other vnlaufull engins or deuyses, what soo euer they be, made, kepte, or vsed for the kyllynge, takynge, or distroyenge of the sayde kypper salmons, or of any of the ponge brode, spaume, or frye of yeles or salmon before rehersed. The one halfe of the sayde forfayture shalle be to the kynges hyghnesse, his heires, and successours, and the other halfe shall be to hym that wyll sue for the same by action of dette, bylle, playnte, or other wyse in any courte of recorde within this realme, Wales, or Barwyke, or the marches of the same. And that the iustices of assise, and also the Justices of peace in euery assise and quarter sessions in al counties within this realme, and al lordis haunynge courtes royall in Englande, Wales, or Barwike, & in the marches of the same, shal haue full power and auctorite, by vertue of this presente acte, not onely to enquire of and vppon the defaultes and offences, commytted contrary to the tenour and effecte of this presente acte: but also to se due punisshement and reformation therof in forme afore said, from tyme to tyme, durynge the space of the sayde terme yeres, as often as the case shall so require in euery behalfe.

¶ An acte concerynge panynge of Holburne, and other pauimentis within the citie and suburbes of London. Ca. viii.

COmplayneth to your highnes, and to your high courte of parliament, not alonely your subiectes and inhabitantes within the streete of Holborne, but also all the poore carters and other poure subiectes, beynge common trauaylers, repayrynge wekelye and monthely to your cite of London, that where the sayde strete beinge the common passage for all cariages, caried from west and Northwest parties of the realme, was of late tyme so well and substancially paued, that your subiectes hadde good and sure passage through the sayde strete, tyll now of late, for lacke of renewynge of the sayde pauynge by the landlordes, which dwell not within the citie, the waye is so noyous, and so full of sloughes and other incumbrances, that often tymes many of your subiectes, ridynge through the sayde strete and way, be in ieperdye of hurt, & haue almoste perisshed. Pleaseth it your hyghnes, and the lordes

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ſpyrituall & temporal, & the cõmons in this preſent paulyament aſſembled, to enact, by the auctoryte of the ſame, that all and ſyngular perſons, theyr heyres, & ſucceſſours, which now haue, or hereafter ſhall haue any londes, tenementis, or hereditamẽtis, betwene the bryge, called Holborne bridge, and the barres at the weſt ende of the ſayd ſtrete, be it on the one ſyde of the ſtrete and the other, in fee ſimple, fee tayle, or for terme of lyfe, ſhall before the feaſte of ſaynt Michael, whiche ſhall be in the yere of our lorde god .M. D. XXXIIII. ſufficiently paue or cauſe to be paued with paunge ſtone, alonge from his or theyr londes or tenemẽtis, adioynyng to the high way, all ſuch quantitie of the ſaid ſtrete, & in ſuch places as the ſaid ſtrete at any tyme before the makyng of this act, hath be paued, vpon peyn to forfayt to your highnes, your heyres, & ſucceſſours, for euery yarde ſquare not ſufficiently pauid by the ſaid day limited & aſſigned in form before expreſſed. vi.ō

¶ And be it alſo enacted, by the auctoryte aforeſayde, that all and euery perſone and perſones, haunge any of the ſayd londes and tenemẽtes in poſſeſſyon or in vſe, in fee ſimple, fee tayle, or for terme of lyfe, adioynynge to the ſayd hygh way & ſtrete, theyr heyres and ſucceſſours ſhall from and after the ſayd feaſt of ſaint Michel, the which ſhalbe in the ſayd yere of our lord god. M. D. XXXIIII. ſufficiently meynteyn the pauement of the ſayd way & ſtrete, ageynſt euery of theyr lõdis or tenemẽtis, in ſuch & lyke forme as is aboue declared, vpon peine to forfayt to your highnes, for euery yard ſquare of the ſaid pauement, not ſufficiently paued, repared, & amended, as often as any ſuche defaulte of any perſone ſhall be preſented before the mayre & the aldermen of the ſame citie. vi.d. And that it be further enacted, by the auctorite afore ſayde, the ſayde mayre & the aldermen, for theyr tyme beyng, may haue full power & auctorite to enquere in euery quarter of the yere, after the ſayd feaſt of ſaint Michaell, the whiche ſhalbe in the yere of our lord god. M. D. XXXIIII. by the oth of .xii. men of the ſayd citie, aſwel of them that haue not paued accordyng to the prouiſion afore ſayd, as alſo of them that remiſly or inſufficiently ſhall hereafter meynteyne the ſame pauyment, or any other pauyment within the ſayde cite & the ſuburbes of the ſame. And that the ſayd mayre and the aldermen may haue power and auctorite, after euery ſuch defaulte before them preſented, to ſeſſe fynes by theyr diſcretions, and the ſayd fynes to be certified into the kynges eſchequire, and the barons therof to make proces by diſtreſſe to be take vpon the ſayde landes and tenementes, or otherwyſe by theyr diſcretion, as well for the ſayd fynes aſſeſſed, as for theyr penalties before limytted.

¶ Prouyded alwaye that yf the leſſees of the ſayde landes, or of other londes, within the cite or ſuburbes of the ſame, do ſuffyciently paue or repayre before theyr mantions or dwellynge places, the ſtretes, whiche haue vſed to be pauyd: that then they and euery of them ſhall defalke, abate, and reteyne in his or theyr owne handes, as moche of the rentys dewe to the leſſours, as they can proue to haue expended on the ſame paunge, and the leſſor for ſo moche as that ſumme doth amounte to, to haue no action nor

reentre for the none payment of the same: Excepte it be otherwyse agreed betwene them.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctoritye aforesayde, that lyke order be obserued for pauynge of the stretes in the borough of Southwarke, as is before mencioned to be done in the citie of London. So alwayes that the reformation and punyshement of the offences there, shall reste in the maire of the citie of London, as farre onelye as is within the iurisdiction of the sayd citie: and the residue in the Justices of peace of the countie, where the same stretes be. And that the same Justices of peace shal by vertue herof, haue power to make inquerie vpon the premisses: and here, determine, and punyshe the defaultes in maner and fourme aforesayde.

¶ An act concernynge Pewterers. Ca. ix.

IN they moste lamentable wyse shewen, and pytiouselye complaynen vnto the kynges most royall maiestie, and to this his moste highe courte of parlyamente, the kynges mooste humble, poore, and obeysante subiectes, the mayster wardens and poore felowshyp of the crafte and mysterie of peuterers, as wel of the cytie of London, as of al other places within this realme of Englande: that where the sayde crafte or mysterie before this tyme hath ben one of the best handy craftes within this realme, which hath onely growen & continued by meane of dyuers good actes and statutes made for the true exercise of the same, wherof one was made in the .xix. yere of the reigne of the kynges mooste renowmed father, whose soule god pardon, and one other was made in the fourth yere of the kynges most victorious reygne, concernyng the craftes of peuterers and brasiers, of and for the true makyng myxtyng and sellynge of good and true pewter and brasien vessels, and also for exercysynge and vsyng of true weyghtes and beames to be occupyed by the sellers of any suche pewter or brasien vessels within this realme: so that none of the kynges subiectes, nor any other persone shulde by any sale of any fals myxed brasien and pewter vessell, or any vntrewe weyghtes be deceyued, as by the sayde estatutes more playnely doth appere. Whiche good estatutes duely put in execution, hath caused the said craft to encrease and multyplie, to the great profyte and vtilitie of a great nombre of the kynges subiectes, and the commoditie of pewter vessell moch to be had in reputation in all straunge regions and countreys / vntyll now of late dyuers euyll disposed persons, beynge the kynges subiectes borne, whiche haue ben apprentises and brought vp in the exercyse of the sayde crafte of peuterers, haue nowe of late for theyr singular lucre repayred into straūge regions and countreis, and there do exercyse the sayd crafte of peuterers, techynge straungers not onely the connynge of myxtynge and forgeynge of all maner of pewter vessell, but also do teache all thynges belongyng to

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the sayde craste of peuterers: by meane wherof there is not onely brought daily in to this realme out of strange regions to be solde, great nombre of thinges made of pewter, vntruely myxted and made of tynne, wherwith the kynges subiectes be daily deceyued, and the people of straunge countreis greatly instructed in the counnynge of the sayde craste of peuterers: so that therby not onely a great nomber and quantite of peuter vessel and other thynges of peuter, made in dyuers sortes and facyons amountynge to a greatte value, whiche was dayly and contynually wonte to be carryed and conueyde oute of this realme by marchauntes into strange regions and countrayes there to be solde and vendyd. Where by the commoditie of tynne made into peuter vessell, whiche hath ben had in great estimation, as thynges very necessary and commodious, and the kynges customes therby moche aduansed, is nowe lyke vtterlye ceasse and decaye, and not to be estemed, as here to fore hathe bene, but also the sayd craste of peuterers, which at this day setteth and kepeth in worke and occupation, a great nombre of people, shall be vtterly vndone, and a great multitude of the kynges naturall subiectes therby fall in to ydelnes, to the great impouerysheinent of this realme, if spedy remedy for the redresse of the premysses be not prouyded. In tender consideration wherof, and for reformation of the premisses, it may please the kynges hyghnes, by the assente of the lordes spirituall and temporalle, and the commons in this presente parlyamente assembled, and by auctorite of the same, to ordeyne and enacte, that no person nor persones hereafter at any tyme now inhabitynge, or whiche hereafter shall inhabyte within this realme, shall bye, or other wyse take by exchaunge for other wares any maner wares made, or hereafter to be made, oute of this realme, of tynne or myxte with tynne, as platters, dysshes, saucers, pottis, basons, ewers, flagons, goblettis, saltis, saltsalers, spones, or any other thynge made of tynne or peutre, as aforesayde, what soeuer it be, vppon peyne of forfayture of the same ware, in whose hãdes so euer it maye be founde or taken: and also lawfull money currant in this realme, to the full value therof. The one halfe of the same forfayture to be to the vse of the kynges hyghnes, and the other halfe to be to the vse of the fynders of the same.

And furthermore be it enacted, that it shalbe lefulle to the maister and wardens of the sayde craste of peuterers, as well within the citie of London, as within euery other citie, borough, and towne of this realme, where suche wardens be, and where no such wardens be, to the heed officer or gouernour, heed officers or gouernours of the same citie, borough, or towne for the tyme beinge, to appoynte dyuers persones mooste expert in knowledge of the same, to make serche and seisure, and to take in to theyr handes and possession all suche wares, as hereafter shall be brought contrary to the true entent and effecte of this presente acte, in whose so euer handes or possessions any suche shal be founde.

And also be it enacted, by the auctorite aboue sayde, that no person nor

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persones, occupienge the sayde crafte or occupacion of pewterers within this realme, shall sette on worke or retayne in his or theyr seruyce any person or persones to be his or theyr apprentice or tourneyman being straunger borne oute of this realme, vpon peyne to forfayte for euerye suche apprentice and tourneyman .x.li. sterlynge. And that no straunger, borne out of this realme, shal occupie, exercise, or vse from the feast of Penticost nexte commynge, the sayde crafte of pewterers, ne worke any maner of vessell or other ware afore sayde, to be made of tynne or peuter, within any place or places of this realme, vppon peyne of forfayture of tenne pounde sterlynge: And also vpon peyne of forfayture of the same pewter or tynne so wroughte, in whose handes so euer it may be founde or taken.

¶ And also be it enacted by auctorite afore sayde, that no person nor persons beinge borne within this realme, occupienge or exercisinge the sayde crafte of pewterers, shall at any tyme hereafter resorte in to any straunge regions or countreis, there to vse, teache, or exercyse the sayd craft of pewterers, vpon peyne to lose the priuilege and benefyte of an Englyshe man. And if in case any of the kynges subiectes, at this presente tyme beyng, dwellynge in any straunge countraye or region, and there occupienge the sayd craft of pewterers, do not repayre in to this realme within thre monthes nexte after request and warnynge to hym to be gyuen, by writynge seled with the common seale of the wardens of the sayd craft within the said cite of London, & here in this realme continually from hense forthe dwell and inhabit: that then and from thensceforthe he shalbe reputed and taken as none Englyshe man, but shal stonde and be from thensceforth out of the kynges protection.

¶ And for as moche as sondrye euel disposed persons, whiche commonlie ben called haukers, by auctorite, of the kinges letters patentes or placard, do not onely go aboute from place to place within this realme, vsynge byeng and sellynge of brasse & peuter, and by colour & pretence of the same licences or placardes, vse vnlauful and deceyuable weightes & beames, but also do vse to sel both brasse and peuter, whiche is not good nor truely, nor laufully myxte nor wrought, to the great deceyte of the kynges true liege people, contrarie to the forme and effecte of the sayde good acte and statute made in the sayde .iiii. yere of the kynges moste noble reyne: Be it therfore enacted by auctorite of this present parliament, that all suche lycences and placardes here to fore hadde made, or graunted to any suche personne or persons, contrary to the trewe meninge, forme and effecte of this statute, shall be from hensceforth by auctorite of this presente parlyamente, clerely voyde and of none effecte. And where as in the sayde acte of parlyament, concernyng the crafte of peuterers and brasiers, made in the sayd .iiii. yere for dyuers causes and considerations in the same act conteyned, amongest other thynges it is expressed, that no person or persones, vsynge the sayde crafte of pewterers or brasiers, shulde from thensceforthe selle or chaunge any pewter or brasse, newe or olde, at any place or places within this realme

alnie, but onely in open feyres or markettes, or in they? owne dwellynge houses, but if they were desired by the byers of such wares, vpon peyne of fo?fayture fo? euery suche defaulte x.li.

¶ Fo? as moche as the same fo?fayture is to the onelye vse of the kynges hyghnes, and that any partye serchynge or findynge the same, is not intitled to haue any benefite therby: it hath not ben knowen, that any persone or persons haue taken any peine to enserch or make any inquerie therof, by reason wherof diuers and many euyl disposed persons, vsinge byinge and sellynge both of brasse and of pewter, and not regardynge the sayde good acte, neyther the sayde penaltie, dayly go aboute from village to village, towne to towne, and from howse to howse, to selle suche peuter and brasse, which is not good, and also vse deceyuable weyghtes and beames, as they dyd before the makinge of the sayde acte, to the greatte hurte and deceyte of the kynges true liege people and subiectes. Wherfore be it enacted by the auctorite aboue sayde, that as wel the moytie of the sayd fo?fayture of x. li. limitted in the sayde statute, made in the sayde fourthe yere, as also the moytie of all other fo?faytures before exp?essed, and euerye of them be & shalbe to the vse of the kynges highnes, his heires and successours: and the other moyte of the same fo?faytures, and euerye of theym, to the vse of hym or them, that shall sease, fynde, or p?esent the sayd fo?faytures or any of them, or that shall sue fo? the same in any competente courte or courtes within this realme, by action of dette, bill, playnt, or information, wherin the defendante shall in no wyse be admitted to wage his lawe, nor any p?otection or essoyne to any person or persones, whiche shall be impeched to haue offended contrarye to the forme and effecte of this estatute, shalbe allowable. This acte to endure to the laste day of the nexte parliament.

¶ An act concernyng the othe of commissioners of sewers. Ca. x.

BE it enacted by auctorite of this p?esente parlyamente, that the acte late made fo? sewers, and the commission therin recited, shalbe extended, vsed, and put in execution in the towne and marches of Calais, acco?dynge to the tenour of the same commission in lyke effect, as it is enacted to be put in execution within this realme: and that no person shall be compelled to be swo?ne, or other wyse bounde to sytte or trauayle in execution of any commission of sewers within this realme, onelys that he be dwellyng within the countie, wherof he is or shall be assigned to be commissioner: And fo? Calais, and the sayd marches therof, onelys that he be dwellynge within the same towne of Calais or marches.

¶ And bycause that dyuers persons heretofore assigned to be commissioners haue refused to be swo?ne, acco?dyng to the sayde fo?mer act, wherby dyuers commissions, heretofore made, remayn hitherto without effectual

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execution: Be it therfore enacted, that if any person assigned or to be assigned, to be suche commissioners of sewers, beinge required hereafter by such person or persons, as haue or shall haue auctorite by the kynges writte, or otherwise, to receyue or accepte the othe comprised in the sayd former act, euery person that so refuseth to take the same othe, or vppon that requeste made, do not receyue the same othe, and that refusall or contempte done in the chauncery, or retourned in to the chauncerye with the sayd writte, shall lose and forfayte for the same contempte to the kynge our soueraygne lorde, fyue markes: And so to lose from tyme to tyme fiue markes for euery such contempt, as shall be done or returned into the saide chancery, ayenst any suche person, oneles that he in the same chauncerie do shewe and allege in the said terme, wherin suche retourne shall be made ayenst hym, sufficient and reasonable matter and cause to be allowed by the lorde Chauncellour for his excuse and discharge in that behalfe.

¶ An acte to auoyde distruction of wildefowle. Cap. xi.

Where before this time there hath ben within this realme great plentie of wildfoule, as dukkes, mallardes, wigeons, teales, wyldgeese, and dyuers other kyndes of wildfoule, whereby not only the kinges moste honorable household, but also the houses of the noble men & prelatis of this realme, haue ben furnished for the necessary expences of the same houses at conuenient prices, but also al markets of the same realme were sufficiētly furnished with wildfoule there to be sold in such wise, that suche as were mete to make prouision of the same for theyr houses, might at reasonable prices, at the same markets, be therof prouided. Neuer the lesse dyuers persons nere inhabiting in the countreys and places within this realme, where the substance of the same wyldefoule hathe bene accustomed to brede, haue in the somer season, at suche tyme as the sayde olde fowle be moulted and not replenished with fethers to flye, nor the yonge fowle fully fethered perfectly to flye, haue by certayne netes and other ingins and policies verely taken greatte nombre of the same fowle, in suche wise, that the brode of wyldefoule is almooste therby wasted and consumed, and daily is lyke more and more to waste and consume, if remedye be not therfore prouyded: Be it therfore enacted by the kynge our soueraygne lorde, by thassent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by the auctorite of the same, that it shall not be laufull to any person or persons hereafter betwene the last day of Maye, and the laste day of Auguste, to take or cause to be taken any suche wyldfoule, with nettes or any other ingins, vpon peyn of one peres prisonment, and to forfayte for euery fowle so taken, iiii.d. The one halfe therof to be to the kynge our soueraygn lord, and the other halfe to hym that wyll sue for the same by action of dette in

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any of the kynges courtes: and in the whiche action none essoyn nor protection shalbe allowed, nor wager of lawe receyued.

¶ And be it enacted by auctorite aforesayde, that all Justyces of peace, within the limittes of theyr commission, shal haue power and auctorite to enquire, here, and determyne the offences aforesayde, lyke as they commonly vse and do in cases of trespace.

¶ Prouided always, that it shall be laufull to any gentyll man, or any other that may dispende. xl.s. by the yere, of freeholde, to hunt and take suche wyldfowle with theyr spaniels only, without vsyng any nette or other ginnes for the same, excepte it be a longe bowe or longe bowes.

¶ Prouyded also and be it enacted by the sayde auctoritye, that from the fyrste daye of Marche, whiche shall be in the yere of our lorde god. M.D. XXXIIII. vnto the laste day of June then next ensuynge, and so yerely from thensforth, no maner of person or persones shall presume by day or by nyght, wilyngely to withdrawe, purloyne, take, distroye, or conueye any maner of egges of any kynde of wyldfoule, from or in any neste, place or places, where they shall chaunce to be layde by any kynde of the same wyldfowle, vpon peyne of imprisonment for one yere, and to lese and forfayt for euery egge of any crane or bustarde, so distroyed, purloyned, withdrawe, conueide, or taken from any neste or place. xx. pence: and for euery egge of euery bittour, heronne, or shoulard. viii.d. and for euery egge of euery malarde, tele, or other wyldfowle, one peny. The one moytie therof to be to the kyng our soueraygne lorde, and the other halfe to hym that wolle sue for the same, in forme aforesayde: wherin no wager of lawe, essoyne, or protection shall be allowed. And that all Justices of peace, within the limittes of their commission, shall haue full power and auctorite to enquire, here, & determyne the same, in forme before rehersed.

¶ Prouided alwayes, that this acte extende not, nor be hurtefull at any tyme hereafter to any persone or persones, that woll distroye any crowes, chowghes, rauons, and bosardes, or theyr egges, or to any other fowle or theyr egges, not comestible, nor vsed to be eaten.

¶ An acte concernynge the attayndre of Elizabeth Barton, and other, whiche vnder the colour of hypocrisye, dissimuled sanctitie, and falsе feyned myracles trayterously intended to dystroye our souerayne lorde the kyng, and to depryue hym of his royalme and dygnitie royall. Cap. xii.

THe lordes and commons in this present parliament assembled, moste humbly beseechen the kinges highnes, that for the declaration of his moste pure & sincere cõscience, in the deuorce and separation laufully had & done betwene his maiestie, & the right excellent princes, the lady Catharine, & for due punishment to be had of suche persons as maliciously maligning ageinst the same, haue traiterously attemp-

attempted many notable actes, intendynge therby the disturbance of the peace & tranquillitie of this realme, & for the repression, example, & reformation of the malices & malignities, whiche hereafter may be falsely conspired & compassed by suche euyll doers to make diuision within this realme, that it may be enacted in maner and fourme folowynge, that is to saye.

¶ VVHERE OVR sayde soueraygne lorde, lyke a good and a vertuous prince beinge afflicted and sore incombred in his conscience with the mariage, whiche was solempnised betwene his maiestie, and the sayde vyght excellent princes the lady Catherine, late wyfe of the vyght excellent prince Arture, naturall brother to our sayde souerayne lorde, to the whiche prince Arture, the sayd lady Catharine was laufully maried, and by hym carnally knowen, for the only discharge of his conscience ageinst almighty god, by all true wayes and meanes inserched, studied, deuised, and consulted, as wel with sondry vniuersities of christendome, as with a greatte number of excellent clerkes lerned in diuinitie, of the validitie and invalidittie of the sayde mariage solempnised betwene his highnes, and the sayd lady Catharine beinge before the sayde mariage his sayd brothers wyfe, and by him carnally knowen. And after the determinate and playne iugementes of the sayd sondry vniuersities and well lerned menne, by reason of inserches in the holy scriptures of god, by a great aduise and deliberation, it was declared and signified vnto our sayd soueraygne lorde, that the saide mariage solempnised betwene his highnes, and the said lady Catharyne, was prohibitted and detested by the lawes of almyghty god: our said souerayngne lorde therupon pursued for a iuste and laufull separation and deuorce to be had, betwene his highnes and the sayde lady Catharine from the bondes of the sayd vnlauful and detested mariage, as to a good catholike prince besemeth to do in that behalfe, to the intent that his maiestie, vnder the bondes of a laufull mariage, consonant and agreable vnto the lawes of almighty god, myght haue issue and procreation for the welthe, peace, reste, tranquillitie, & suretie of this his realme and subiectis of the same: whiche deuorce and separation, is nowe laufully had, and our said souerayngne lorde, iustly and laufully maried to his moste derc and entierly beloued wyfe quene Anne, and by her hathe had issue, and is lyke (god beinge pleased) to haue mo, to the greatte comforte, reioyce, and suretie of all his subiectes of this realme. And all be it that our sayd souerayngne lorde, lyke a good catholyke hynge, for the onely discharge of his conscience, and for the welth and suretie of this his realme, mooste prudentely, moste deliberately, most gentilly, most meekely, and moste charitably proceded in the inserchynge and knowynge of the validitie and inualiditie of the sayd detested and vnlaufull mariage, and therin painefully trauailed by many yeres, not only to the great inquietnes & trouble of his mynd, but also to his inestimable costis & expenses: yet neuer the les, diuers & sondry wylfull & inobedient subiectes of this realme, whose names and offences shal appere and be declared hereafter, being maliciously fixed in a cõtrary

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opinion ageinst the pure iugement of the kynges owne conscience, and also the determinations of the sayd sondry vniuersities and wel lerned men, wel perceiuyng that they, being but a fewe in nombre, coude not by theyr said wylfull and peruerse opinions, grounded of malice, corruption, and affection, hinder ne interrupte the sayd deuorse and separation by any lawfull meanes, dyd therfore, by fals feined hypocrisie, dissembled sanctitie, and cloked holynes, not only set forth and put in the heedes of a great nõbre of the subiectes of this realme, as well nobles as other spirituall and temporall persons, that they had knowlege by reuelation from almyghty god & holy saintes, that god shulde be displeased with our said soueraigne lord, for his said procedinges in the said deuorse & separation of the said detested & vnlawful mariage, but also surmised emonges other thinges, that god had reueled to an holy woman, whose name herafter shalbe mencioned in this act, that in case his highnes proceded to thaccomplyshment of the said deuorse, & maried an other, that then his maiestie shuld not be king of this realme, by the space of one month after, and in the reputation of god, shulde not be kyng one day, nor one houre, with many other fals feined and dissimulate fables, tales, and lyes by them vnlawfully & traitrously practised, deuised, imagined, and conspired as wel to the blasphemy of almyghty god, as ageinst our sayd souerayn lord, as by the particulers therof, here after more at large in this present acte shalbe expressed. That is to saye,

¶ FYRST one Elizabeth Barton (nowe beinge Nonne professed in the house and priorie of saint Sepulcres of Canturbury) which long afore she was professed nonne, dwelled with one Thomas Cobbe, in the parochie of Aldington, in the countie of Kent, and hapned to be visited with sycknes, & by occasyon therof brought in suche debilitie and weakenes of her braine, bycause she coulde not eate ne drinke by a longe space, that in the violence of her infirmitie, she seined to be in traunses, and spake and vttered many folyshe & ydel wordes. And one Richard Master clerke being person of the said parochie of Aldington, in the saide countie of Kent, after that he had made to the late archbyshop of Canturbury a far larger report, cõcerning the hipocrisie, trauses, & speches of the said Elizabeth, than he coulde iustifie and abide by, and after that he was cõmanded by the said archbishop to giue good attendance vpon her, if she shuld fortune to haue any mo suche trauses and speches, & to sende him knowlege therof, to the intent to maintein, vphold, and verifie suche report as he had made, as well to the archbyshop aforesaide, as to other, of the wonderfull traunses and speches of the said nonne: falsely and craftely informed the sayde Elizabeth, that the mervaylous wordes, whiche she spake in her traunses, afore his riding to tharchbyshop aforesayde, proceded of thinspiration of the holy goste: & that she was greatly to be blamed, yf she wold hide or dissemble the wonderfull workes of god shewed in her: For afore this his said information & instruction, she said constantly, that she coulde not remembre, that she spake any suche notable wordes in her traunses, as were reported vnto her by the

ſaid Richarde Waſter. Whiche Eliſabeth, being in this maner of wiſe often times ꝑſuaded, ꝓcured, & infoꝛmed by the ſaid ꝑſon of Aldingtō, toke boldnes & coꝛage to foꝛge, feine, & coũterfait ſuch maner of trãſes & craftie ſpeches as the ſaid ꝑſon of Aldington told her that ſhe vſed in her ſickneſ afoꝛe he went to the ſayd archebyſhop. And whan the ſayde Eliſabeth had vſed this maner of fals & feined coũterfeting foꝛ a ſeſon, & was ꝑfect therin (ſo that the fame therof was gretly ſpꝛed abꝛode in thoſe ꝓties of Kent) thẽ the ſaid ꝑſon, to thintẽt afoꝛeſayd, & to the intẽt the people ſhuld giue moꝛe feith & credẽce vnto her, & bicauſe he wold haue increſed the deuotiõ of the peple in coming on pilgremage to a chapel ſet in Court at ſtrete afoꝛeſaid, within his ſaid poche dedicate in the honour of our lady, foꝛ his own lucre & aduantage imagined, deuiſed, compaſſed, & declared with the aid, helpe, & counſaile of one Edward Bocking monke ꝓfeſſed in the monaſterie in Chꝛiſtis church in Cãturbury, & doctoꝛ in diuinite, that the ſaid Eliſab. being in the extaſy & extremitie of her ſickneſ, in a maner diſtract in a tranſe, ſhuld ſay emonges other wõderful woꝛdes, that ſhe ſhuld neuer take helth of her body, tyl ſuch time as ſhe had viſited the image of our lady, being in the ſayd chapell at Courte at ſtrete afoꝛeſayde: and that our lady hadde appered vnto her, and ſhewed her, that if ſhe came to the ſaid chapel at the daye to her appoynted, ſhe ſhoulde be reſtoꝛed to her helthe by myꝛacle, where in very dede ſhe was reſtoꝛed to her perfyte helthe by dyete and phiſyke, and by the courſe of Nature, whiche expelled the matter beinge cauſe of her ſyckneſ, in the meane tyme whyles the ſayde perſone of Aldington was with the ſaid archebyſhop, as is afoꝛe reherſed. And all be it the ſayde Eliſabeth was thus naturally reſtoꝛed to her helth, yet ſhe beynge accuſtomed and acquaynted with the maner and facion of her diſtract tranſes, by the counſayle, conſpiracy, & confederacy of the ſaid Edward Bockinge and Richarde Waſter, dyd falſely ꝓctiſe, vſe, and ſhewe vnto the people, diuers and meruaylous ſodeyne alterations of her ſenſible partes of her body, craftely vtteringe in her ſayde feyned and fals traunſes, dyuers and many vertuous and holy woꝛdes, tendynge to the rebuke of ſynne, and in reꝛouynge of ſuch newe opinions, as then beganne to ſpꝛinge in this realme, whiche ſhe called hereſies, as ſhe was induced and taught by the ſaid Edwarde Bockynge, and Rycharde Waſter, vſynge all the wayes of falſe hipocriſie, to the intent the people ſhuld giue beleſe and credence vnto her, wherby they myght be the ſooner bꝛoughte in to the deteſtable cryꝑmes of blaſphemie and ydolatrie ageynſte almyghty god. And the ſayde Edwarde Bockynge, beynge malicioꝰly fyxed in his opinion ageynſte the kynges hyghenes in the ſayde deteſted matrimonie, and intendynge in his mynde afterwardes foꝛ his parte, falſely and traytꝛouſely to vſe the ſayde Eliſabeth, as a diabolyke inſtrument, to ſtyꝛe, moue, and ꝓuoke the people of this realme, as well nobles as other, to murmour and grudge ageynſt the maieſtie of our ſouerayngneloꝛde, and all his iuſte and laufull ꝓcedynges, in the ſayd deuoꝛſe and ſeparation, as after he dydde

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in very dede, for thaccomplyshinge of his said fals malicious & traytrous intentis falsely deuised and conspired with the said Richard, that she saide Elisabeth shuld shewe and manifest her selfe to the people, to be an excellit vertuous and an holy woman, and that al her wordes and dedes shuld appere to the worlde, to proceede of a meruaylous holynes, rebukyng the comon sinnes and vices of the worlde, as though she were taught and inspired of the holy spirite of god. And not onely moued and counsailed the said Elisabeth thus to vse her selfe, surmittinge to her that she spake suche thinges in the extasie of her sickines, that came by thinspiracion of god, but also counsayled and procured the sayd Elizabeth to be brought & conueide to the said chapell of our lady, and she therin openly in the presence of the people (that there shuld be assembled by their procurementis) shuld vse and experiment suche like trauses & alterations of her face, and other the outwarde sensible partis of her body, as she vsed in thencremite and extasie of her said sickenes. To whose counsayles and aduertisementes the said Elisabeth agreed. Wherupon at a day by them apointed and agreed, the sayd Edwarde and Richarde, labored, solicited, and procured aboue the nombre of .ii. thousand psons, to repaire to the said chapel, surmitting that the said Elizabeth, which as they sayd, had meruailous & many visions & reuelations of god shuld be brought thether, & there receiue her helth by miracle of our lady, whose image was in the said chapel. By reason of whiche fals feined and detestable conspiracy and hipocrisy, at the day by them appointed, there assembled to the sayd chapell aboue the nombre of .ii. thousande people. At which day also, the said Edward Bocking and Richard Master, procured and caused the sayd Elizabeth to repaire to the said chapell, where the said Elizabeth, albeit she at that time, & long afore was restored to helth of her body, & discharged of her tormetes & afflictions, whiche she had in the extasie of her sickenes: yet neuertheles by the procurement & crafty counsell of the said Edward Bocking, & Richard Master, dyd falsely feine & shewe vnto the people in the same chapel many alterations of her face and other outward sensible partes of her body, & falsely feined and shewed her self in trances, vttering wondrous wordis, as she was afore subtilly & craftily induced and taught by the said Richard and Edward to do. And emonges other thinges, she vttered, that it was the pleasure of god, that the said Edwarde Bockinge shuld be her gostly father, & that she shulde be a religious womanne, as she was taught by the sayde Edwarde Bockynge and Rychardе Master. And within a whyle after demonstration of suche fals feined and dissimuled trauses, she appered to the people to be sodeynely reuoked from her sickenes and afflictions: by the intercession and meanes of the image of our lady beinge in the same chappell. By meanes of whiche false feyned hypocrisye, dissymuled and cloked sanctitie, so conspired and craftily imagined by the said Edwarde Bocking and Richard Master, the said Elizabeth was brought into a meruaylous fame, credit, and good opinion of a great multitude of the people of this realme. And to increce the

fame of the ſaid fals feyned hipocriſie, the ſaid Elyſabeth afterwardes, by the counſayle and pꝛocurement of the ſayd Edward Bocking, entered into the religion, & became a nonne pꝛofeſſed in the ſayd pꝛiorie of ſaint Sepulcres, to whom the ſayd Edwarde Bockyng had commonly his reſoꝛte, not without pꝛobable, vehement, and violent ſuſpition of incontinencie, pꝛetendyng to be her goſtly father by goddis appoyntment. And by conſpiracie betweene her and him cauſed her ſtyll to perſiſte and abyde in the pꝛactiſyng of her ſaid fals hipocriſie and diſſemblyng traunſes and rapcis: And that ſhe ſhuld ſurmit to the people, that whan ſhe was in ſuch ſimuled altercation of her ſenſible partis of her body, that ſhe was then rapt by almighty god from thaffections of this woꝛld, and tolde by the holy ſpirit of god, many thinges that ſhuld folow to the woꝛlde foꝛ puniſhment of the ſinnes of the pꝛincis and the pepie. And that ſhe ſhuld alſo ſay, that ſhe was moche pꝛouoked and tempted as well to the ſinne of the fleſſhe, as otherwiſe, by her goſtly enemy the deuyl, at diuers and ſondꝛy times, & in diuers and ſondꝛy ways and facions. And yet neuertheles, that ſhe by the grace of god was pꝛeſerued, and ſtedfaſtly reſiſted ſuche temptations. By occaſion of which coũſayle & pꝛocurement of the ſaid Edward Bockyng, the ſaid Elizabeth, by continuance of tyme toke ſuche a courage vppon her, that ſhe falſely feined & ſaid, that ſhe had many reuelations of almyghty god, and his holy ſaintes, with heuenly lyghtes, heuenly voices, heuenly melodies and ioyes, and ſpecially in a chapell of ſaint Giles in the ſaid nonnerie: to the whiche chapel ſhe oftentumes reſoꝛted to receiue viſions & reuelations, as cõmanded by god, as ſhe falſely repoꝛted, and ſpecially by night, ſaying that the doꝛture doꝛe was made open vnto her by goddis power, vtteryng the ſame as wel to the ſaid Edward Bockyng, as to diuers other perſons, By the which her fals feined reuelations & cloked hipocriſy, ſhe was reputed amõges many people of this realme, to be a very holy womã inſpired with god, where in very dede ſhe neuer had viſion oꝛ reuelation from god, as ſhe hath plainly & openly confeſſed her ſelfe. And therfoꝛe her ſtealinge foꝛth of the doꝛture in the night (which was ones oꝛ twiſe wekely) was not foꝛ ſpiritual buſynes noꝛ to receiue reuelations of god, but rather foꝛ bodily cõmunication & pleſure with hir frendes, whiche coude not haue ſo good leiſure & opoꝛtunite with her by day. And foꝛ ratification of her fals feined reuelatiõs, the ſaid Edward by cõſpiracy betwene him & the ſaid Eliſabeth reueled the ſame to the moſt reuered father in god, william late archbiſhop of Cãturbery, who by fals & vntru ſurmiſes, tales, and lies of the ſaid Edward & Eliſab. was allured, bꝛought, & induced to a credite therin, & made no diligẽt ſerches foꝛ trial of their ſaid falſhodes & cõfederatiõs, but ſuffrid & admitted the ſame to the blaſphemy of almighty god, & to the gret diſceit of the pꝛince & peple of this realme. And foꝛ a perpetual memoꝛy of the ſaid fained & diſſimuled hipocriſy & fals reuelations of the ſaid Eliſab. the ſaid Edward Bockyng, Richard Maſter, & one Johñ Wering, a mouke in the ſayd monaſterie of Chꝛiſtis church foꝛſaid, made wꝛite, & cauſed to be wꝛi-

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ten sondry bokes bothe great and smalle, bothe printed and written, concernyng the particularities of the sayd fals and feined hypocrisy and reuelations of the sayd Elizabeth, or the defence or great prayse of the same: Surmyttynge and puttynge forthe the same false and feyned practyses and reuelations of the sayd Elizabeth to be iust and true myracles, shewed by almyghty god in the fauour of the sanctite of the sayd Elizabeth, wherein deue they bene and were falsely deuised, compassed, conspired, written, and mayntayned by the sayde Elisabeth, Edwarde Bockynge, Richarde Master, and Johñ Deringe, to thonely intente to bringe the sayd Elizabeth in the fame and credite of the people of this realme, wherby the people shulde the more be apte and disposed by her fals cloked hypocrisye and sanctitie, to commytte the crymes of blasphemie and hydolatrie ageynste god, & also the soner induced by the false reuelations of the sayd Elizabeth to murmur, grudge, & be of euyl entnió ageinst the maiestie of our said soue rayn lorde, to the great peryll & danger of his most royall person. And one Edward Thwaites gent. translated and wrote diuers quaires and shetes of paper, concerning the said fals feined reuelations & miracles of the said Elisabeth. And also one Thomas Laurece of Canturbury, being regester to the archdecon of Canturbury, at the instance and desire of the said Edward Bocking, wrote a gret boke of the said fals and feined miracles and reuelations of the said Elisabeth in a faire hande, redy to be a copie to the printer, when the sayd boke shulde be put to stampe.

¶ Amõges which fals & feined reuelations furnished by the said Elisabeth and put in writinges in diuers bokes by the fals conspiracie, meanes, and procuremẽt of the said Edward Bocking, Richard Master, Johñ Dering and other theyr complices, there is expressed, that the deuyll shuld appere to the sayd Elisabeth, in diuers facions, somtymes like a man wantonly apparailed, somtime like a birde deformed, and somtime otherwise. And that Mary Magdalene shuld oftẽ apere to the said Elisabeth, and reuele to her many reuelations. And at one tyme shuld deliuer to her a letter written in heuen, Parte wherof was lymned with golden letters, where in dede the same letters were writen with the hande of a monke of saint Augustins in Canturbury named Haukherst. ¶ There was also written & conteyned amonges the said fals and feined miracles and reuelations, that when the kinges highnes was at Caleis in the enteruewe betwene his maiestie & the frenche king, & hering masse in the churche of our lady at Caleis, that god was so displesed with the kinges highnes, that his grace saw not that tyme at the masse the blessed sacrament, in fourme of breade: for it was taken away from the preest (being at masse) by an angel, and ministred vnto the said Elisabeth then being there present & inuisible, & sodenly conueid & rapt thens agein by the power of god into the said nonnerie, where she is professed, with many other fals feined fables & tales deuised, conspired, & defended by the sayd Elisabeth, Edwarde Bockinge, and Johñ Deringe, written as miracles in the sayde boke for a memoriall to set forthe the fals

and feined hipocrifie & cloked ſanctitie of the ſayd Eliſabeth to the people of this realme, as by the ſayde ſondry bokes and writynges therof made, ſene, and examined by the kynges moſt honourable counſayle more plainly appereth: In whiche bokes be wrytten ſuche termes and ſentences of reproche and ſclander againſt the kinges highnes, & the quene, which were to ſhameful to be witten againſt the moſt vile and vngracious perſons liuyng, whiche to here it wolde abhorre euery trewe ſubiecte of this realme.

¶ And after the ſayde Eliſabeth, by ſuche her falſe and feyned hypocriſie and diſſimuled ſanctite was brought in a great bute and fame of the people in ſondry parties of this realme, then the ſayd Edwarde Bockynge by procurement and ſecrete conſpiracie of dyuers perſons vnknowen, which maligned againſt the procedynges of the kynges highnes, for the ſeparation and deuorſe in the ſayde deteſted and vnlaufull mariage, traitrouſly intendyng to put the kinges highnes in a murmur and euil opinion of his people, for the ſame counſayled & ſtyred the ſayd Eliſabeth, that ſhe ſhuld aſke a petition of almyghtye god, to knowe whether god was diſpleaſed with the kynges highnes for procedyng in the ſaid deuorce and ſeparation of the mariage betwene his highnes, & the ſaid lady Catharine, declaring to her many times, that he and diuers other notable lerned men of this realme, and many of the common people of the ſame, were in firme opiniõs, that the kynges procedyng in the ſayd deuorce, was againſt the lawes of god. Wherupon the ſayd Eliſabeth ſubtylly and craftily conceyuing thopinion and mynd of the ſayd Edwarde, wylling to pleſe hym, reuealed and ſhewed vnto the ſayd Edward, that ſhe had knowlege by reuelation from god, that god was highly diſpleaſed with our ſayd ſouerayne lorde for the ſame matter. And in caſe he deſiſted not from his procedynges in the ſaid deuorce and ſeparation, but purſued the ſame, and maried ageyn, that then within one month after ſuche mariage, he ſhuld no lenger be kyng of this realme: and in the reputation of almighty god, ſhuld not be a kynge one day nor one houre: and that he ſhuld dye a villaynes dethe: Saying farther, that there was a roote with thre branches, and tyl they were plucked vp, it ſhulde neuer be merie in Englande: interpretynge the roote, to be the late lorde Cardinall, & the fyrſt branche to be the kynge our ſouerayne lorde, the ſeconde the duke of Norff. and the thyrde the duke of Suff.

Whiche fals feined reuelations, by the miſcheuous & malicious counſaile and conſpiracie of the ſayd Edwarde Bockynge, with the ſayd Eliſabeth, were writen and expreſſed in the ſayd bokes and volumes, conteyning the falſe & feined reuelations & myracles of the ſayd Eliſabeth, for a perpetual memory therof, to thutter reproche & peryl of diſtruction of the kynges perſon, his honour, fame, and name: and priuely and ſecretely ſet forth by the ſayd Eliſabeth, Edward Bockyng, Johñ Dering, and Richarde Maſter generally to dyuers and many of the kynges ſubiectes, and ſpecially as to electe perſons, to the reuerende father, Johñ byſhoppe of Rocheſter, and Johñ Adeſon clerke, chapleyne to the ſame byſhop, & to one Henry Golde

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prieste, bacheler of diuinite, to Hugh Riche, fryer obseruant, and late wardeyn of the fryers obseruantes of Canturbury, whiche beare malice and malignitie to al the kinges procedinges in the said deuorse and separation bicause it was contrary to their peruerse & froward opinions, intendinge by colour of the sayde false and feyned hypocrisie and reuelations of the sayd Elisabeth, not onely to let the sayd deuorce and separation, but also to bringe and set forth secretly in the heedes of the people of this realme, as well nobles as other, that all the kynges actes and procedynges in the same, were agaynst holy scriptures and the pleasure of almighty god: wherby the kynges hyghnes shulde be broughte in a grudge and euyll opinion of his people. And the sayde John bysshoppe of Rochester, Henry Golde, Hugh Ryche, Rychard Risby, Rychard Master, John Deryng, at sondrye and seuerall tymes and places spake with the sayde Elisabeth, & toke relation of her of the said false and feyned reuelations, whiche she feyned that she had of almyghty god, as well concernynge the kinges highnes as other, after the fourme and termes aboue specified. And hauyng knowlege therof, the sayd Hugh Ryche, Rychard Rysby, and Henry Gold clerke gaue suche fyrme and constant credit therunto, that they traytrously conceyled hit frome the kynges hyghnes, and traytorously beleued in theyr hartes, that the kynge our souerayne lorde, after his late mariage solemnised betwene his hyghnes and his sayde moste dere and entierly beloued wyfe quene Anne, was no lenger rightfull kynge of this realme, in the reputation of almyghty god, wherby in theyr hartes and wylles they traytrously withdrewe from his highnes theyr naturall dueties of obedience: And secretely taught and moued other persones (to whom they reueled the sayd false and feyned reuelations) that they ought and myght laufully do in the same wyse: and practised the sayd matters agaynst the kynges mateslie, falsely, maliciously, and traitrously at sondry places and times with the fathers and nonnes of Sion, and diuers monkes of the Charter house of London and Shene, and with dyuers freres obseruantes of the places of Rychemont, Grenewiche, and Canturbury, and to dyuers others both spirituall and temporall persones in great nombre, to thintent, to sow a secrete murmur and gruge in the hartes of the kinges subiectes, ageinst the mateslie of our said souerayne lorde, and all his procedynges in the saide deuorse and separation, intendyng therby to make suche a diuision and rebellyng in this realme, amonges the kinges subiectes, wherby the kinges highnes shulde not onely haue ben put to peryll of his lyfe, but also in ieoperdie to be deprined from his crowne and dignitie royall.

¶ And for a more playne and particular declaration of the malicious and traitrous intentis of the said Elisabeth, Edward Bocking, John Dering, Hugh Ryche, Richard Rysby, and Henry Golde, they concluded by a conke decacie amonge them selfes, eche with other, to set forth in sermons & prechinges the sayd reuelations to the people of this realme, agaynst the kinges mateslie, whan so euer it shulde please the said Elysabeth, to appoynt

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them the tyme, when they shuld so do: and agreed eche with other secretly and set forthe the saide false and feyned reuelations to their acqueyntance and frendes in this realme, intendyng to make a great multitude of people of this realme, by their secrete conspiracies in an aptnes to receiue & take suche their sermons and prechinges, whiche they intended to make, as is aforesaid, concernyng the premisses, traitrously intending therby to put our said souerayne lorde, not only in the perpl of his life, but also in the ieopardie of losse and depriuation of his crowne & dignitie royal of this realme from hym and his laufull succession for euer. And in accomplyshyng their false traytrous and malicious intentes ageynst our sayde souerain lorde, they caused the sayd Elisabeth, at two tymes secretely to declare the sayde false and feined reuelations to.ii.of the popes oratours and ambassatours at the cities of Canturbury and London. At whiche tyme the saide Henry Golde toke vpon hym to be interpretatour therof, betwene the sayd Elisabeth, and one of the saide oratours named Antony Pulleon: and thinterpretatour to thother oratour named Stuesler, was the forsaid Laurece of Canturbury, to the intent the kinges highnes, and all his procedynges in the said deuorse and separation shulde be brought in to an euyll opinion with the pope and other outwarde princis and potentatis. And the sayd Hugh Ryche actually trauayled to sondry places of this realme, & made secrete relacion of the premisses, concerning the kinges highnes, to diuers lordes bothe spirituall and temporal, and diuers other persons lay and lerned, secular and religious. And the said Henry Golde ouer this, actually trauayled and made relation therof to the sayd lady Catharine princes dowager, to animate her to make cõmotion in this realme, ageynste our said souerayne lorde, surmyttinge that the sayd Elisabeth shulde haue by reuelation of god, that the sayde lady Catharine shulde prosperе and do well, and that her issue the lady Mary the kinges doughter, shuld prosperе and reigne in this realme, and haue many frendes to susteyne and mayntayne her. And the saide Elisabeth and Edwarde Bockyng, Johñ Dering, and Richarde Master lyke wyse actually trauayled to diuers places in this realme, and made secrete relation of the sayd false feyned hypocrisie and reuelations of the sayd Elisabeth, and gaue knowlege herof to diuers other sondry persons of this realme.

All whiche conspiracies and confederacies of the sayde Elisabeth, and other her complyces, aboue mencioned, was traytrously and maliciously deuised & practised by the sayd Elisabeth, Edwarde Bockinge, Johñ Dering, Rycharde Master, Henry Golde, Hugh Riche, and Richard Rysby, to the intent traitrously to distroy our sayd souerayne lord, and to depriue hym and his laufull succession from the crowne and dignitie royall of this realme, whiche matter hath ben practised and ymagined amonges theym for the space of many yeres: wherof the hole circumstance were very longe to be written in this acte. And the said Johñ Fysher bysshop of Rochester, and one Thomas Golde gentylman, and the sayde Thomas Laurence,

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Edward Thwaytes, and John Adeson chapleyne to the said John bishop of Rochester, hauynge knowlege of the fals feyned and dissimuled reuelations, traytorously conspyred ageynste our sayde soueraygne lorde (as is aforesayd) dyd neuer the les make concelment therof, and vttered not the same to our sayde soueraygne, nor any his honourable counsel, ageinst their dueties and allegeance in that behalfe.

¶ And furthermore the sayde Thomas Golde, for the accomplyssement of his sayde moost traytrous intente, hath of late bene a messanger from the sayde Elisabeth, sithen she was in ward in the towre of London for the sayde moost fals and traytrous offences by her and her sayde complyces committed and done, he then beinge at lyberte, by his message hath comforted dyuers others to stand stykely by her reuelations, that they were of god: Not withstandyng that she had confessed al her said falshed before diuers of the kynges counsaylours, and that they were manyfestly proued, founde, and tryed most false and vntrue: whiche thynge he dydde onely to rayse and put sedition and murmur in the people ageinst the kinges highnes, his crowne, and dignitie royal. And one Thomas Abel clerke, being of the confederacie aforesayd, and takynge suche firme and constante credite to the said fals and feyned reuelations and miracles of the said nune: not onely caused to be printed and sette forth in this realme dyuers bokes ageynst the sayde deuorce and separation: to the disclander of our sayd soueraygne lorde, but also animated the sayde lady Catharyne obstinately to persist in her wylful opinion ageynst the same deuorce and separation: and after the sayd deuorce lawfully had, to vsurpe and take vpon her styll to be quene: & procured diuers writinges to be made by her, by the name of quene: and also procured and abbetted the seruantes of the sayde lady Catharine ageynst the kynges expresse commandment and proclamation, to name, calle, accepte, and repute the sayde lady Catharine for quene of this realme: to the intent to make a common diuision and rebellion in this realme, to the great peryl and daunger of our sayd soueraygne lorde.

¶ In consideration of all whiche premysses, and for as moche as the said false feyned and dissymuled hypocrysye, cloked sanctitie, reuelacyons, and feyned myracles of the sayde Elisabeth, is playnly confessed before the kynges moste honourable counsayle by the sayd offenders, and hath bene set forth in this realme, not only to the blasphemy of almyghty god, wherby a great multitude of people of this realme, were not only induced to idolatrie, but also brought in a murmour and grudge amonges them selfes, to the great peryll of the distruction of our sayd soueraygne lorde, and his succession, and to the ieoperdie of a great commocion, rebellion, and insurrection in this realme, to the vtter desolation therof, if by the goodnes of almyghty god, and by the great trauayle of the kynges hyghnes, and his nobles and counsaylours, by great serches and examinations, it had not ben reueled and knowen.

¶ Be it therfore enacted, by auctorite of this present parlyamente, that the

the sayde Elysabeth Barton, Rycharde Master, Edwarde Bockynge, John Dering, Hugh Ryche, Rycharde Ryslby, and Henry Golde, for theis seuerall offences aboue rehersed, by them recognised and confessed, shall be conuicte and attaynted of hygh treason, and shal suffre such execution and peynes of deathe, as in cases of hygh treason hath bene accustomed, and shall lose and forfayte to our sayde souerayngne lorde, and his heyres and successours for euer, all suche landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, as they or any of them had of estate of inheritance, in vse or possession at the xx. day of October last past, or any tyme sythen: & also all suche their goodes and cattalles as they or any other to theyr vse had the. xvi. daye of Januarie laste passe, or any tyme sythen. And that also al suche benefices and spirituall promotions, whiche the sayd Rycharde Master, & Henry Golde or any of them had at the. xvi. day of Januarie, or any tyme sythen, shall from the sayde. xvi. day of Januarie be voyde, as thoughe the same Rycharde and Henry were deade of theyr naturall deathes. And that the sayd John bysshoppe of Rochester, Thomas Golde, Thomas Laurence, Edward Thwaytes, John Adeson, and Thomas Abell, for theyr sayd seuerall offences shalbe conuyct and attaynted of mesprision and concelement of treason, as persons that haue gyuen suche credit, counsayl, and consta[n]t beleue to the sayd principall offendours: wherby they haue taken courage and boldnes to commytte theyr sayd detestable treasons and offences. And that the sayd Joh[n] byshop of Rochester, Thomas Golde, Thomas Laurence, Edwarde Thwaytes, Joh[n] Adeson, and Thomas Abell for theyr sayde seuerall offences by them commytted, shall suffre imprisonement of their bodyes at the kynges wylle, and lose and forfayt to the kynges highnes all theyr goodes, cattalles, and dettes, whiche they or any persones to theyr vses, or by theyr deliuery had the said. xvi. daye of Januarie, or any tyme sythen the sayd daye. And that suche benefices and spirituall promotions, as the sayde Joh[n] Adeson, and Thomas Abell, or any of them had the sayde. xvi. daye of Januarie, shall from the twenty daye of Marche, the yere of our lorde. M. D. XXXIII. be voyde in the lawe, by auctorite of this acte, as if the sayd Joh[n] Adeson and Thomas Abel were deade of theyr naturall deathes.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctorytie aforesayde, that proclamation shalbe made vnder the kinges great seale in al shires, cities, boroughes, & townes corporate in this realme, as well within liberte as without, conteynynge the tenour of this acte, to the entente that the cloked, falle, and dissimulate offences of the offendours may be knowen, & the people therby to take an example of drede to offende in lyke cases hereafter, and that in euerye of the sayde proclamations shall also be added and contayned, that euery suche person and persons, whiche hath in theyr custody and keppynge any bokes, scrolles, or writinges conteynynge any the fals feyned reuelations and dissimuled miracles of the sayd Elisabeth, or any of them, shall within. xl. dayes next after suche proclamations bringe or cause to be

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brought the said bokes, scrolles, and writynges vnto the lorde Chauncellour of Englande, lorde Treasourer, lorde presidente of the kynges moste honorable counsayle, and lorde pryue seale, or to one of them, vpon peine of imprisonment, and fine makynge to the kyng our souerayne lorde. And yf any person or persons after suche proclamations had and made accordynge as is aboue sayde, knowyngly and wyllyngly do reteyne and kepe any suche bokes, scrolles, or writinges, and cause them not to be deliuered accordyng to the tenour of the sayd proclamation aboue rehersed: that then any person offendynge the same, and beynge therof by due examination conuicte before any of the kinges counsaile, shal suffre imprisonment, and make fine to the kyng, by the discretion of the kynges counsayle, accordynge to the merytes of his offence.

¶ And albeit that a great nombre and multitude of other the kynges subiectes of this realme, as well spirityall as temporall, whose names be not aboue specially mencioned, by theyr great negligences and folyes, inclyned to newefangylnes, haue spoken with the same Elizabeth, and other her complyces and conspiratours aboue specifyed, and haue had relation and knowledge to theym gyuen in and vpon the feyned and false reuelations and myracles aboue rehersed, as well concernynge our sayde souerayne lorde as otherwyse: and haue made concelement thereof, not vttrynge the same vnto the kynges maiestye, nor to any his honourable counsayle, as to the dueties of trewe liege men appertayneth in that behalfe, whereby they worthely haue deserued to suffre suche punyshemente, peynes, and losses as personnes conceylynge treasons and other hyghe offences, towchynge the honour and suretie of our sayd souerayne lord, owen of good reason equitie and lawe to do. ¶ YET neuertheles the kynges royall maiestie, at the humble suite and contemplation of his mooste dere, entiere, and well beloued wyfe quene Anne, of his mooste gracious benignitie is pleased and contented, that it be enacted by auctorytie of this presente parlyamente, that all and euery other his subiectes, not aboue conuycted and attaynted by this acte, shall be released, acquyted, and clerely pardoned ageynste his hyghnesse, his heyres, and successours for euer, of and for all maner of concelementes, offences, trespaces, communications, mesprisions, contemptes, and mysdemeanours, whyche they or any of theym before the twentye daye of October laste paste committed or bydde concernynge the sayde false and feyned myracles and reuelations of the sayd Elysabeth, or any parte thereof, and of all circumstaunces and demeanours towchynge the same, so that none of his sayde subiectes, other than be aboue conuycted by this acte, shall hereafter by any meanes be impeached, chalenged, or troubled by our sayde souerayne lorde, his heyres, or successours concernynge the premysses or any parte or circumstaunce therof, but shall be by this presente acte pardoned and released therof for euer.

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¶An act lymittynge what nombre of shepe men shal kepe, occupie, and haue in their owne possession at one tyme. Cap. xiii.

FOr as moche as dyuers and sondry persons of the kinges subiectes of this realme, to whom god of his goodnes hath disposed great plentie of mouable substance, now of late within fewe yeres, haue daily studied, practised, & inuented ways & meanes howe they myght accumulate and gather to gether into fewe handes as wel great multitude of fermes as great plentie of cattal, and in especiall shepe, putting suche landes as they can get to pasture, and not to tyllage: wherby they haue not onely pulled downe churches and townes, and inhansed the olde rates of the rentis of the possessions of this realme, or els brought it to suche excessiue fines, that no poore man is able to medell with it, but also haue raised and enhaunsed the prices of all maner of corne, cattall, wulle, pigges, geese, hennes, chekyns, egges, & such other, almoste double aboue the prices, whiche haue ben accustomed: By reason wherof a meruaylous multitude and nombre of the people of this realme, be not able to prouyde meate, drinke, and clothes necessarie for them selfes, their wyfes, and chyldren, but be so discoraged with miserie, and pouertie, that they fall dayly to theste, robberie, and other inconuenience, or pitifully dye for hunger & cold. And as it is thought by the kynges most humble and louyng subiectes, one of the greattest occasions, that moueth and prouoketh those gredy and couetous people so to accumulate & kepe in their handes suche great portions and parties of the groundes and landes of this realme from the occupienge of the poore hus bande menne, and so to vse it in pasture and not in tyllage, is onely the great profite that cometh of shepe, whiche nowe be come into a fewe persons handes of this realme, in respecte of the holle nombre of the kynges subiectes, that somme haue xxiiii. thousande, some. xx. thousande, some. x. thousande, some. vi. thousande, some. v. thousande, and some more and some lesse, by the whiche, a good shepe for bittaylle, that was accustomed to be solde for. ii. s. iiii. d. or iii. s. at the moste, is now solde for. vi. s. or. v. s. or. iiii. s. at the leeste: And a stone of clothyng wulle, that in some shires of this realme was accustomed to be solde for. xviii. d. or. xx. d. is nowe solde for. iiii. s. or. iii. s. iiii. d. at the lest: & in som countres, where it hath ben sold for. ii. s. iiii. d. or. ii. s. viii. d. or. iii. s. at the most: it is now solde for. v. s. or. iiii. s. viii. d. the lest. And so arraised in euery part of this realme. whiche thynges thus vsed, be principally to the hygh displesure of almyghty god, to the decay of the hospitalite of this realme, to the diminishyng of the kynges people, & to the let of the clothmakynge, wherby many poore people hath ben accustomed to be set on worke: and in conclusion if remedie be not founde, it may tourne to the vtter distruction and desolation of this realme, whiche god defende.

It may therfore please the kynges highnes, of his most gratious & godly disposition, and the lordes spirituall and temporall of their goodnes and charitie

charite, with the assent of the commons in this present parliament assembled, to ordeyne and enacte, by auctorite of the same, that no persone nor persones from the feaste of saynct Michaell the archaungell, whiche shalbe in the yere of our lorde god. M. D. XXXV. shall kepe, occupie, or have in his possession in his owne proper landes, nor in the possession, landes, or groundes of anye other, whiche he shall have or occuppe in ferme, nor other wyse, have of his owne proper cattall, in use, possession, or propertie by any maner of meanes, fraude, craft, or couyn, above the nombre of two thousande shepe at one tyme, within anye parte of this realme, of all sortes and kyndes, uppon peyne to lose and forfayte, for euery shepe that any person or persones shall have or kepe above the nombre limitted by this acte. iii. s. iiii. d. The one halfe to the kynge our soueraygne lord, & the other halfe to such person, as wyll sue for the same, by original writte of dette, bylle, playnte, or information in any courte of record, in whiche suite the defendante shall not wage his lawe, nor have any essoune or protection allowed.

¶ Prouided alwaye, that lambes shall not be accumpted of the nombre of shepe prohibyted by this acte, so longe as they be under the age of a yere and not above.

¶ Prouided also, that if any person haupnge shepe of his owne, happen to be made executour, or to be administratour to any pson, which had shepe at his deathe, or happen to be maried to any person, which shall happen to have shepe at the tyme of the mariage: by reason wherof the persone, soo beinge executour or administratour, or beinge soo maried, shall happen by suche meanes to be aduansed, and have above the sayde nombre of two thousande: that then in euery suche case, the person so aduansed to lose no penalite, for haupnge above the nombre of two thousande shepe by suche meanes, so that within one yere nexte after such aduansement, the person so aduaunsed from tyme to tyme, as often as any suche case shall happen, do put to sale, or otherwise dispose so many of the sayde shepe, soo to hym aduansed, or els of his owne shepe, that he had before: so that above one yere he shall not kepe, have, or occupie by any suche meanes, or other wyse by any fraude or couyn, any more nombre of them, then is before limitted by this acte, upon the peyne before reherced.

¶ Prouided also, that if any person by his laste wyll and testament, gyue to any chylde within age, any nombre of shepe, and appoynte them by his sayde wyll, to be kepte by his executours, or by any other person, unto suche tyme as the sayde chylde shall come to a certayne aege limitted by his wyl: that then in euery suche case, after the death of the testatour, the said shepe so beinge in the possession and occupation of the executours, or of any other person, to the use of any suche chylde within age, for that tyme onely that the sayd chylde shall be within the age, that he shalbe limitted to have the sayde shepe, by the wylle of the testatour, shall not be accumpted agaynste the sayde executours, nor any person so haupnge the sayde shepe,

for the intente afore sayde, any of the noumbre of the shepe prohibited by this acte: any thynge in this acte to the contrarye therof not withstandynge.

¶ AND IT IS further enacted, that the Justices of the peace of euery shere, shall haue power and auctorite to enquire of the offenders of this acte, as well by the othes of twelue men, as by information of any of the kynges subiectes: and to make such like proces vpon euery presentment or information concernynge this acte, as they vsen commonly to do vpon presentmentis before them of trespas: And that no person being conuict by confession or otherwyse, that he hath done or attempted contrary to this acte, shall be put to any lesse fine than after the ratis of the forfaitures afore limitted by this acte.

¶ Prouided alwayes that no persone shall be put to any answere or losse of any forfaiture by vertue of this act, at the suit of any the kynges subiectes, by any originall writ of dette, bill, playnt, or information: excepte the suite be cõmensed within one yere next after the offence done or cõmitted contrarie to this acte. Nor that any person shal be put to answere, nor to any losse of any forfaiture by vertue of this act, by reson of any presentmẽt, action, or information at the kinges sute, except the said presentmẽt, actiõ, or informacion be had & made for the king within thre yeres next after the offẽce done or cõmitted. ¶ PROVIDED alway, that al & euery person & psons, beyng the kinges temporal subiectes of this realme, & borne vnder his obeisance, whiche at this present tyme, or at any tyme hereafter shall haue or be seased of inheritance in possession or in vse: or that now hath, or hereafter shall haue iuncture in vse or in possession: or be or shalbe tenant in dower, or by the curtesie of Englande, of or in any manours, landes, tenementes, pastures, fedynges, or libertie of foldage within any parte of this realme of Englande, wales, or the marches of the same: that euery such person and persons, hauyng any suche possession to his owne vse, and euery suche person and persons, to whose vse any other person or persones, nowe is, or be, or herafter shalbe seised of any such estate, as is before rehersed, may at al times herafter haue, enioy, kepe, & mayntayne vpon the same theyr owne demeyn landes, & al other their pastures, fedinges, & foldcourses, whiche they so haue, as many theyr owne shepe and lambes in nombre to theyr propre vse, profite, & behoue as they or any of them of right had, or lawfully might haue hadde and kepte vppon the same, or vppon any parte therof, at any tyme before the makynge of this present acte: This act, or any thyng therin conteyned or specified to the contrarye in any wyse not withstandynge.

¶ And ouer that be it enacted by the auctorite afore sayde, that in case any suche person or persons, hauyng any suche estate in vse or in possession, of or in any maner landes, tenementes, pastures, fedinges, or liberties of fold courtis as is before expressed, haue or do kepe vpon the same theyr possessions the nombre of two thousand shepe or aboue: the same person or persons so hauing the nombre of two thousand shepe or aboue, shal not in any wyse

wyse kepe, susteyne, or haue any shepe above or beside the sayde nombre of two thousande vpon any londes, pastures, or fedynges, whiche the same persone or persones haue, or hereafter shall haue, or take on ferme, or o-ther wyse, vppon suche lyke peynes and forfaytures for the same, as be limitted in the sayde acte: that is to say, for euery shepe ouer and above the said nombre of two thousande, three shillinges foure pence. And in case the sayde demeyne landes, tenementes, pastures, fedynges, and lyberties of foldecourses of any person or persons before rehersed, suffice not for the fedynge, pasturinge, and keppynge of two thousande shepe, as is before said, that then euery suche persone shall or may haue, susteyne, or fede vpon his sayd demeyne landes, and vpon his ferme holdes, whiche he lawfully may haue, to the sayde nombre of two thousande shepe, and not above, vppon peyne of forfayture for euery shepe, above that nombre. iii.s. iiii.d.

¶ Prouided alway and be it enacted, that it shalbe lefull to euery persone or persones within this realme, keppynge a householde, to haue from time to tyme suche conuenient nombre of shepe, ouer and above the nombre expressed in this acte, as shalbe necessarie for the onely expences of his house holde, to be prouided, kepte, and fedde in and vpon his owne landes or o-ther landes, suche as he lawfully can or may haue, or proupde for, on ferme or other wyse: Any thynge in this present acte conteyned to the contrary not withstandynge. So that the same householder at no one tyme shal haue or kepe for the expences of his householde, or by colour of the same, ouer and above the nombre to hym lymytted by this acte, any nombre of shepe mo then shall suffice for the onelye expences of his householde for one yere, without fraude or couyn, any thynge in this present acte mencioned or expressed to the contrary not withstandynge.

¶ Be it also ferther enacted by thauctorite aforesaid, that no maner person or psons, of what degre so euer he or they be, being lord or lordes, owner or owners, fermer or fermers, of or in any liberte of foldecourses, within any towne, tythynge, village, or hamlette within any of the counties of Norfolke and Suffolke frome and after the feaste of the natiuite of our lorde god nexte commynge, shall take in ferme for terme of yeres, or otherwyse any quillettis of landes or pastures, that is to saye, any nombre of acres of lande or pasture, appertaynynge to any other persone or persones, lyenge and beinge within the lymytte, extente, or precincte of the sayde lyberte of the sayde foldecourses: but that they shall permytte and suffre the sayde persons, haynge or beinge for the tyme owner or owners, lesser or lessers of the sayd quillettis, to manure and pasture the sayde quillettis. And also to suffre the shepe of the sayde owner or owners, fermer or fermers of the sayde quyllettes, after the rate of the same quyllettes to go with the flocke of the owner, fermer, or occupier of the sayde liberte or lyberties of the sayde foldecourses, payinge the costomarie charges for the keppynge and fedynge of the same, after the rate and vse of the countreye there commonly vsed, without any interruption therin to be made by the sayde ow-

ner or owners, fermer or fermers or occupiers of the sayde lyberties, vppon peyne of forfayture for euerye tyme that any suche persone, hauynge any suche quillet that shalbe so letted or disturbed of fedynge, kepynge, or pasturynge any of his shepe soo to be fedde and kepte after the rate of his sayde quillet, for euery suche shepe thre shyllynges.iiii.d.

¶ Prouided alway that this act or brãch cõcerning quillettis, or any thing therin conteyned, shal not in any wise be auaylable to any tenant, owner or occupier of any suche quillette or quillettes, to clayme, haue or vse herafter any suche pasture of fedynge of his shepe, in or with anye suche foldecourses, but onelye where the tenantes, owners, and occupiers of any suche quillettis haue had or mought haue had here to fore of right and dutie vsed to haue pasture and fedynge in the sayde foldecourses, by reason of theyr tenures and occupations of the same quillet or quillettes, and none otherwise. And where they haue not vsed, ne oughte to haue anye shepe fedde or kept within any suche foldecourses, by reson of the sayde tenures, that the owners or occupiers of such foldecourses may take suche quyllettis, lyinge within theyr foldcourses, in ferme, agreinge with the owners or occupiers of the sayde quillettes for the same.

¶ And for as moche as the nombre of the. C. of shepe in euerye countraye be not lyke, in some contrey the great. C. where. vi. score is accompted for the. C. and some countrey but onely. v. score: it is efte declared by this presente acte, that the nombre of two thousande shepe, limitted to euerye person by this acte, shalbe accompted. x. c. for euerye thousand, after the nombre of the great hundred, and not after the lesse. c. so that euery thousande shall conteyne. xii. C. after the lesse nombre of the hundred.

¶ It is also further prouided by the auctorite afore said, that lammes vnder the age of one hole yere, & as moche as shall be from the tyme of the fallynge of them vnto the feaste of the natiuite of saynt Johñ Baptiste in any yere to come, shall not be adiudged, ne taken for shepe prohybited by this estatute: any thynge in the acte to the contrarie not withstandynge.

¶ It is also ferther enacted by auctorite afore sayd, that no maner person, after the sayd feast of the natiuitie of our lord, shal receyue or take on ferme for terme of lyfe, yeres, or at wyl, by endenture, copy of court rolle, or other wyse, any mo houses & tenementes of husbandrye, whervnto any landes are belongynge, in towne, village, hamlet, or tythyng within this realme, aboue the nomber of two suche holdes or tenementes. And that no maner person shal haue or occupie any such holdes, so newly taken to the nombre of two, as is before expressed, excepte he or they be dwellynge within the same parishes, where such holdes be: vpon the peine of forfaiture for euery weke, that he or they shal haue, occupie, or take any profites of such holdes contrary to this act. iii. s. iiii. d. The one moitie of whiche forfayture to be to the kynge our souerayne lorde, and the other moytie to the partye that wyll sue for the same in any of the kynges courtes, by bylle, playnte, information, or otherwyse within one yere nexte after suche contempte and offence

fence committed and done, in the whiche none essoyn, protection, ne wager of lawe shalbe admitted or allowed.

¶ It is also further enacted by auctorite afore sayde, that the statutes made the fourth yere of the noble prince kynge Henry the .viii. and in the vii. yere of the reygne of our souerayne lorde the kynge that nowe is, concernynge the decaye of townes, and mayntenaunce of tyllage and husbandry, shalbe good and effectuall in euery thynge accordynge to the true purport and intent of the same, any thing in this present act to the contrarie not withstandynge.

¶ Prouided also that it may be laufull to al spirituall persones and euery of them, to kepe suche and as many shepe vppon theyr owne landes, and after suche forme and maner and none otherwyse, as they moughte haue done afore the makynge of this acte: any thynge mencioned in the same to the contrary not withstandynge.

¶ An acte for punishemente of Heresie. Ca. xiiii.

IN moste humble wyse lamentablye sheweth vnto youre highnes your most humble louing & obedient subiectes, the comons of this your realme, that where the Clergie of the same, in the seconde yere of kynge Henry the .viii. one of your moste noble progenitours, vpon theyr suggestion dyd impetrate and optein by auctorite of parliamente, holden in the sayde seconde yere: that it shuld be leful for euery ordenarie to conuent, areste, and imprison any person or persons, whome they thought defamed or suspecte of heresie, and them to kepe in theyr prisons tyll they were purged therof, or abiured, or committed to late power to be burned, after the determination of the holy church & canonicall sanctions, as in an acte made at the parlyamente holden in the said seconde yere of kynge Henry the .viii. emonges other thynges more at large dothe appere: For as moche as the sayde acte dothe not in any parte therof declare anye certayne cases of heresie, contrarie to the determination of holye scripture, or the canonicall sanctions therin expressed, wherby your moste louynge & obedient subiectes mought be lerned to eschewe the daungers and peynes in the sayd acte comprysed, and to abhorre and detest that foule & detestable cryme of heresie: And also bicause those worldes Canonical sanctions, & suche other like conteyned in the sayd acte, are so general, that vneth the moste expert & best lerned man of this your realme, diligently lieng in wayt vpon him selfe, can eschewe and auoyde the penaltie & daunger of the same act & canonical sanctiõs, if he shalbe examined vpon such captious interrogatories, as is & hath be accustomed to be ministred by the ordinaries of this realme, in cases where they wyl suspecte any person or persones of heresie. And ouer this for as moch as it standeth not with the right order of Iustice nor good equite, that any person shulde be

conuicte, and put to the losse of his lyfe, good name, or goodes, oneles hit were by due accusation and witnes, or by presentment, verdict, confession, or proces of outlawrie: and also by the lawes of your realme, for treasons committed to the peril of your most royal maiestie, vpon whose suretie dependethe the hole welthe of this realme, no persone can ne maye be putte to dethe but by presentment, verdict, confession, or proces of outlawrie, as is aforesayde. Wherfore it is not resonable, that any ordinarie by any suspection conceyued of his owne fantasie, without due accusation or presentment shulde put any subiecte of this realme in the infamie and sclaunder of heresie, to the peril of life, losse of name and goodes. And that also there be many heresies & peynes, & punishmētes for heresies, declared, & ordeined in & by the said canonical sanctions, & by the lawes and ordenaunces made by the popes or bysshops of Rome, and by theyr auctorities, for holdynge, doynge, prechynge, or spekynge of thynges contrarye to the sayde canonical Sanctions, lawes, and ordinances, whiche be but humayne, being mere repugnante and contrarious to the prerogatiue of youre imperiall crowne, regall iurisdiction, lawes, statutes, and ordinances of this your realme: By reason wherof your people of the same, for obseruynge, maintaynynge, defendynge, and due exectuynge of your sayde lawes, statutes and prerogatiue royalle, by auctorite of that act, made in the sayd seconde yere of kynge Henry the. iiii. may be brought in to sclaunder of heresie, to theyr great infamie and daunger, and perill of theyr liues.

¶ In consideration wherof it may please your highnes, by the assente of your lordes spirituall and temporall, and the comons in this present parlyament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, to adnull, abrogate, frustrate, and make voyde the sayd acte, made in the said seconde yere of king Henry the. iiii. and euery thynge therin conteyned. And neuertheles for as moche as the moste fowle and detestable cryme of heresie, shulde not hereafter growe & increace, but vtterly be abhorred, detested, and eradicate, ne that any heretikes shuld be fauored, but that they shuld haue cōdigne & sufficiēt punyshment. And for the repelle of heretikes, and such erronious opinions in time comynge, be it establyshed, ordeyned, and enacted, by the auctorite of this presente parlyamente, that the statute made in the fyfthe yere of your noble progenitour kynge Richarde the seconde, and the statute made in the seconde yere of kynge Henry the. v. concernyng punyshement and reformation of heritikes and lollardes, and euery prouision ther in conteyned, not beinge repugnant to this act: shalbe and stande in their force, strength, and effecte. ¶ Prouided always, and be it enacted for spedy presentment to be had of heresies, that suche person & persones, as haue in vse or in possession to their owen vse, in fee simple, fee tayle, for terme of their owne lyues, or of any other persons lyfe, londes, & tenementes, to the clere yerely value of. xl. s. shalbe empaneled, and haue power and auctorite to inquire and present heresies: And that euery presentment made by suche persons shalbe as good and effectuall and be put in execution to all intentes,

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in lyke maner and fourme as if euery the presentours had had londes and tenementes, to the yerely value of a hundreth shyllynges, accordyng to the tenoure of the sayd acte of kynge Henry the. v. any thynge in the sayd acte to the contrary therof not withstandynge.

¶ Prouided also and be it enacted by auctorite afore sayd, that shireffes in theyr turnes, and all other haurynge turnes, and stewardes in theyr leetes, tapes, and wapentackes, shall haue power and auctorite to inquire of heretykes lyke as they inquire of common anoyfances, and that euery presentement made in any turne, leete, tape, or wapentacke concernynge hereses, shall be certified to the ordinarye in suche maner and fourme as presentementes afore any Justice assygned by the sayde acte of kynge Henrye the. v. are lymitted and appointed by the same act to be certified: And like proces shalbe had, made, and executed, vppon euery suche presentemente to be made in any turne, leete, tape, or wapentacke, as is limitted in the said acte of kynge Henry the. v. vppon presentementes taken afore the iustices assigned by the same acte to inquire of hereses.

¶ Prouided alwaye and be it enacted, that no maner of licence or auctoritie, or other thyng or thynges be hereafter had or opteyned of the bysshop of Rome, otherwyse called the pope, to preache in any part of this realme, or to do any thynge in the same contrarie to the lawes and statutes of this realme, or the kynges prerogatiue royall, vpon the peynes limitted in the sayd lawes and statutes of this realme: any thyng conteyned in the preamble of the sayd estatute of kynge Richarde the second, or in any the statutes before rehersed, or in any statutes of this realme to the contrary therof not withstandynge.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctorite afore sayd, that euery person and persons being presented or indited of any heresie, or duly accused or detected therof by two laufull witnesses at the leest, to any ordinaries of this realme, haurynge power to examine hereses, shal and may after euery such accusation or presentment, and none otherwise, nor by any other menes be cited, conuented, arrested, taken, or apprehended by any the sayd ordinaries or any other the kynges ministers and subiectes who soo euer. And after they shalbe so taken and apprehended, shalbe committed to the ordinaries to answere in open courte and in an open place to theyr suche accusation and presentmentes. And yf they shall happen to be lawfully conuicte of the heresie, wherof they are so accused or presented: that then they shal abiure, if they wyl refuse and renounce theyr sayd hereses, wherof they shall be so accused or presented, as is afore sayd, and do suche reasonable penance for theyr offences, as shall be limitted by the discretion of the sayd ordinaries. And if they after theyr lawfull conuiction, refuse to abiure, or after abiuration fall in relapse, and be duelye accused or presented, and conuict therof, as is afore sayde: that then in suche cases they shalbe committed to laye power, to be burned in open places for ensample of other, as hath bene accustomed, the kynges writte, De hæretico comburendo, syrste had and obteyned

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¶ And where the great nombre of the kynges subiectes, haunge lyttelle or no lerynge nor knowlege of letters, haue ben put in opinion, that by dyuers lawes, decrees, ordenances, and constitutions heretofore made by the bysshop of Rome, called the pope, and his predecessours, or by theyr auctorites for the aduancement of theyr worldlye glorye and ambition, euery man, that in any thyng speketh or dothe ageynst the sayd pretensed power, or auctorite of the same bisshop of Rome, or any the said lawes, decrees, ordinances, and constitutions standeth in danger, and is inpechable of heresie: whiche effecte or matter, nor any suche lawes, decrees, ordinaunces, or constitutions, not approued & confirmed by holy scripture, was neuer commonly accepted or confyrmed to be any lawe of god or man within this realme. Wherfore be it enacted and ordeyned by auctorite of this presente parliament, that no maner spekynge, doinge, communication, or holdyng ageynste the sayde bysshoppe of Rome, or his pretensed power or auctorite, made or gyuen by humayne lawes or policies, and not by holye scripture: nor any speking doinge communication or holdynge ageynste any lawes, called spiritual lawes, made by auctorite of the se of Rome, by the policie of men, which be repugnant, or contrariant to the lawes and statutes of this realme, or the kynges prerogatiue royall: shalbe demed, reputed, accepted, or taken to be heresie. Nor that any subiecte or resiant of this realme shalbe for any suche spekynge, doinge, communication, or holdynge, impeched, vexed, or troubled for any poynte or matter of the sayde detestable crime of heresie: any what so euer canon lawes, decrees, ordinances, constitutions, or other thynge here to fore made, or beinge, or hereafter to be made to the contrary therof not withstandynge.

¶ Prouided alwaye that suche person and persons, as shall happen to be accused, presented, or indited of heresie, as is afore limitted by this acte, shall and may be letten to baile by the ordinaries by theyr discretions, or els in theyr defaute, if they refuse so to do, then by the discretion of two Justices of peace of that shere, where suche persons so accused or presented, shal inhabit, by .iiii. sufficient sureties to be bounden to the kynges vse by obligation or recognisance to appere before the ordinaries at suche dayes, tymes, and places, as shalbe limytted in the sayde bondes by the sayde ordinaries, or in theyr defautes, by the sayde two Justices, excepte the ordinarie can and do declare vnto the kynges highnes, and to his counsaile, a resonable cause, that the sayd person or persons so accused or presented of heresie, shuld not be let to baile, as is afore limitted.

¶ An acte concernynge printers and bynders of bokes. Ca. xv.

WHERE AS by the prouision of a statute made in the fyrste yere of the reygne of kynge RYCHARDE the thyrde, hit was prouided in the same acte, that all straungers repayrynge in to

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this realme, myght lawfully bringe in to this sayd realme printed and writ-
ten bookes to selle at theyr libertie and pleasure. By reason of whiche provi-
sion there hath comen in to this realme sithen the makynge of the same, a
marueylous nombre of printed bookes and daylye dothe. And the cause
of the makynge of the same provision semeth to be, for that there were
but fewe bokes and fewe prynters within this realme at that tyme, whi-
che coulde well exercyse and occuppye the sayde science and crafte of prin-
tynge: Neuer the lesse, sythen the makynge of the sayde provision, many
of this realme, beynge the kynges naturall subiectes, haue gruen them
soo diligentelye to lerne and exercyse the sayde crafte of printynge, that
at this daye there be within this realme a greate nombre cunnynge and
experte in the sayde science or crafte of printynge, as able to exercyse the
sayde crafte in all poyntes, as any straunger in any other realme or con-
tray. And furthermore where there be a greate nombre of the kynges
subiectes within this realme, whiche lyue by the crafte and mysterye of
byndynge of bookes, and that there be a greate multitude welle experte
in the same: yet all this not withstandynge there are dyuers persons, that
brynge from beyonde the see great plenty of printed bookes, not onelye in
the latine tonge, but also in our maternall englyshe tonge, some bounde in
bordes, some in lether, and some in parchement, and them selle by retayle,
wherby many of the kynges subiectes, beyng bynders of bokes, & haueyng
none other facultye wherwith to gette theyr lyuyng, be destitute of worke,
and like to be vndone: except some reformation herin be had. Be it therfore
enacted by the kynge our sourrayne lorde, the lordes spirituall and tempo-
rall, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by aucto
rite of the same, that the sayd Proviso, made the fyrst yere of the said kyng
Richarde the thyrde, from the feaste of the natiuite of our lorde god nexte
commynge, shalbe voyde and of none effecte.

¶ And further be it enacted, by the auctorite aforesayde, that no person or
persons, resiant or inhabitãt within this realme, after the said feast of Chris-
mas next comyng, shal bie to selle ageyne any printed bokes brought from
any parties out of the kynges obeysance, redye bounden in bordes, lether,
or parchement, vpon peyne to lose and forfayte for euery boke bounde out
of the sayde kynges obeysance, and brought in to this realme, and bought
by any person or persons within the same to selle ageyne, contrary to this
act, syxe shyllynges eyghte pence.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctorite afore sayd, that no persone or
persones inhabytant or resiante within this realme, after the sayde feaste
of Christmas, shal bye within this realme, of any straunger, borne out of
the kynges obedience other then of denizens, any maner of printed bokes,
brought from any the parties beyonde the see, except only by engrose & not
by retaile, vpon peine of forfaiture of. vi. s. viii. d. for euery boke so bought
by retayle, contrary to the fourme & effect of this estatute, the sayd forfay-
tures, to be alwayes leuied of the byers of any suche bookes, contrarie to

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this act: The one halfe of al the said forfaytures to be to the vse of our soueraygne lorde the kynge, and the other moyte to be to the partie that wyll sease or sue for the same in any of the kynges courtes, be it by byl, plaint, or information, wherin the defendant shal not be admitted to wage his lawe, nor no protection, ne essoen shalbe vnto hym allowed.

Prouided alwaye and be it enacted by the auctorite before sayde, that if any of the sayde printers or sellers of printed bokes, inhabited within this realme at any time here after happen in such wyse to enhaunce and encreace the prices of any suche printed bokes in sale or byndynge, at to highe and vnreasonable prices, in suche wyse as complaynte be made therof vnto the kynges highnes, or vnto the lorde chauncellour, lorde treasurer, or any of the chefe Justices of the one benche or of the other: that then the same lorde chauncellour, lorde Tresorer, & .ii. chefe Justices, or two of any of them, shall haue power and auctorite to enquire therof as welle by the othes of xii. honeste and discrete persones, as other wyse by due examination, by theyr discretions. And after the same enhaunsynge and encreasynge of the sayde prices of the sayde bookes and byndynge shall be soo founde by the sayde .xii. men, or other wise by examination of the sayde lorde chauncellour, lorde tresorer, and Justices, or two of them: that then the same lorde chauncellour, lorde tresourer, and Justices, or two of theym at the leeste, from tyme to tyme, shall haue power and auctorite to reforme and redresse suche enhaunsynge of the prices of printed bookes, from tyme to tyme by theyr discretions, and to symitte prices as welle of the bookes as for the byndyng of them: & ouer that the offender or offenders therof, beinge conuicte by the examination of the same lorde chauncellour, lorde tresourer, & two Justices, or two of them, or other wyse, shall lose and forfayte, for euery boke by them solde, wherof the price shall be vnhaunsed, for the boke or byndynge therof. iii. s. iiii. d. The one halfe therof shalbe to the kynges highnes, & the other halfe vnto the parties greued, that wyl complayne vpon the same, in maner and forme before rehersed.

An acte that euerye iudge of the hyghe courtes, and certayne other, may haue one chaplayne beneficed with cure. Capitulo .xvi.

Where in the parlyamente holden at Westmynster in the xxi. yere of the reygne of our soueraygne lorde kynge Henrye the. viii. hit was amonges other thynges ordeyned and prouided, that certayne honorable persons, as well spirituall as temporall, shall haue chaplaynes beneficed with cure, to serue theym in theyr honorable houses, whiche chaplaynes shall not incurre the daunger or any penaltie or forfayture, made or declared in the same parliament, for none residence vpon theyr sayd benefices, or for obteining licences for dispensa-

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tions of pluralites. In the whiche acte no prouision was made for any of the kynges iudges of his hyghe courtes, commonly called the kynges benche and the common place, except onely for the chiefe iudge of the kinges benche, nor for the chauncellour, nor the chiefe baron of the kinges eschecker, nor for any other inferyour persons, beynge of the kynges moost honorable counsayle, as by the sayde acte maye appere. Wherfore hit is ordeyned and enacted by auctorite of this presente parliamente, that as well euery iudge of the sayd hyghe courtes and euery of the chauncellour and chiefe baron of the sayde eschequyr, the kynges generall attorney, and generall solicitour, whiche for the tyme is, be, or shall be, shall and may from hensforth at his libertye retayne and haue singularye to euery of them in his house, or attendant to his persone, one chaplayne, haynge one benefyce with cure of soules, whiche maye be absent from his sayd benefice, and not resident vpon the same: The sayd statute made in the sayd xxi. yere, or any other statute, acte, or ordenaunce made to the contrarye, in any wyse not withstandynge.

¶ An acte concernynge shotynge in crosbowes and handgonnes. Ca. xvii.

Where before this tyme diuers and sondry good statutes and prouisions haue bene made and ordeyned for the auoydynge and eschewyng of shotynge in crosbowes and handgonnes: whiche sayd holsome statutes and prouisions not withstandynge, many wylfull and lyght disposed persons from tyme to tyme haue attempted the breche or violation of the same statutes. In consideration wherof be it enacted, ordeyned, and establysshed, by the auctorite of this presente parliament, that no persone or persones, of what estate or degree he or they be: except he or they in their owne ryghte, or in the ryght of his or their wyfes, to his or their owne vses, or any other to the vse of any suche person or persons, haue londes, tenementes, fees, annuitees, or offices to their yerely value of an houndred poundes, from the fyrst day of June nexte comynge, shall shote in any handgunne or crossebowe, or vse or kepe in his or their houses, or els where, any crossebowe or handgunne vppon peyne to forfaite for euerye tyme that he or they soo offende, contrarie to this acte. xl. And that it shalbe lefull to euery persone, that may vse and kepe any crossebowe or handegunne, or that maye shote in the same (not withstanding this acte) to seyse and take euery suche crossbowe and handgunne or any of them, frome the keppynge or possessyon of euery suche offender, and the same to kepe or retayne to his or their owne vse. ¶ And be it ferther enacted by the auctorite afore sayde, that no lordes or owners of any leetis beare or mayntayne any of their tenantis or seruantes within the precincte or iurisdiction of their leetis, to doo or offende contrarye to this acte, vpon peyne to forfayte for euery tyme so offendynge

pynge. x. li. The one moyte of all the same forfaytures to be to the kinges highnes his heyres or successours, and the other moitie to the partye that woll pursue for the same, by bill, playnt, action of dette, or information in any of the kynges courtes, in whiche supte no essoen or protection shalbe allowed, nor the defendant receyued to wage his lawe.

¶ Be it also farther enacted by the auctorite afore sayde, that it shall be lefull to the Justices of peace in theyr sessions, and to all stewardes and bailyes in theyr seuerall leetes, to enquire, here, and determyne euerye suche offence hereafter, to be committed or done contrarye to the fourme of this estatute: so that alwaye no lesse syne then. x. li. be assessed vppon euerye suche presentment and conuiction accordynge to the due course of the lawe. The same syne so by the Justices of peace, vppon euery presentemente or conuiction made before them, to be payde and leuied onely to the kynges vse. And the moyte of euerye fine to be assessed by the stewardes or bailiues of euery leete, vpon euery presentement and conuiction before them to be made, to be payed and leuied to the vse of the owner of the same leete by distres or action of dette: and the other moytee of the same fine to be to the partie, that wol pursue for the same in any of the kinges courtes, by bil, playnte, information, or action of dette, in whiche no essoen nor protection shalbe allowed, nor the defendant shalbe receiued to the wager of his lawe.

¶ Prouided alway, if that any offender contrary to the forme of this estatute by any maner of proces or meane fyrste agenst him conceyued or presented, shalbe compelled or constrayned to pay or content any suche forfayture or penaltye, as is aforesayde, for his sayde offence contrarye to this acte: that then euery suche offender, after payemente or satisfaccion made therof, shalbe clerely acquited and discharged agenst euery other person for the same forfaiture or penaltie in euery suite, processe, or presentemente agenst hym to be pursued for the recouerie of the sayde penaltie.

¶ Be it also ferther enacted by the auctorite afore sayde, that all lycences, letters, placardes, gyuen or graunted, or here after before the sayde fyrste day of June nexte commynge to be gyuen, had, or graunted to any person or persons by the kynges highnes, for the shotyng in crosbowes or handgunnes, or for the bsynge or keppynge of the same, contrary to the forme of this acte, shalbe vtterly voyde and of none effecte.

¶ Be it also further enacted by the auctorite afore sayd, that al former statutes made and prouided of and for auoydynge and restreynte of shotynge in crossebowes or hande gunnes, or of and for any of them, or for the vsing or kepyng of the same, be from henceforth vtterly voyde, and of none effect.

¶ Prouided alwaye, that euery proces, suite, or informacion, conceyued, commenced, and nowe dependynge for any offence done contrarye to the forme of any estatute made or prouided for the shotinge in crosse bowes or hangunnes not repeled, and for the keping of the same, shal be good and effectuall to the partyes that haue commenced the same, in suche forme, effecte, degree, or condition, as if this acte had neuer ben made.

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¶ Prouided alwaye that this acte or any thynge therin conteyned be not in any wyse hurtfull or preiudiciall to any person or persons nowe beyng, that hereafter shalbe appoynted by the kynges highnes to kepe, receyue, or take any crossebowes or handgunnes, that shal be forfayt, or taken within the precincte or libertie of the kynges forestes, parkes, or chases: but he or they may laufully kepe and reteyne the same crossebowes or handgunnes from tyme to tyme, vnto suche tyme as the further pleasure of the kynges highnes in that behalfe be to euery suche person shewed and declared.

¶ Prouided alway, that this act extend not to the makers of crossebowes or handgunnes: but that they may laufully kepe crossebowes and handegunnes in their houses: and shote in crossebowes or handgunnes only for prouynge and assayenge of them. ¶ Prouided alwais that in al walled townes within seuen myles of the see, and other townes or holdes standynge vpon the see costis, or vpon any of the englyshe marches for ageinst Scotlande, it shalbe lefull to euery man dwellyng in suche townes or holdes to kepe in their houses, being within the same townes or holdes, crossebowes and handgunnes, for thonely defence of the said townes, holdes, & houses, & as well to exercise & vse them in & for the defence of the said townes & houses, beinge in the same townes, as for to carie them to their shippes, there to kepe & exercise them for defence of their shippes, and for their goodes in the same shippes, and for none other cause, any thynge temprised or expressed in this present acte to the contrarye not withstandyng.

¶ Prouided also, that if any person or persons hereafter in any parte do offende, or do contrary to the pursuew & remedy of this act, wher vpon there is cause of action for the same giuen to the kyng, his heires or successours, or to any other person or persons that woll sue by vertue of this act, for the punishment of the sayd offence or forfaitis: that if the kyng our souerain lord, his heires or successours, within one yere next immediatly after suche offences and forfaytes had and made, do not pursue their action or actions so giuen by this sayd acte or cause of examination vpon such defautes and offences to be had & made before their counsell, or other presentmentis ther of to be had according to the meanyng of the same act. And euery other person, whiche hereafter may haue action or actions vpon this statute within halfe a yere next and immediatly after such offences and forfaites had and made, do not cõmence their suites, information, or presentmentes, of & vpon the said forfaitis, by action or otherwise, as of and vpon such forfaites as be declared & expressed in this present acte: that then as well the kynge our souerain lorde, his heires & successours, after one yere next after suche offences and forfaites had & made, if none sute in his or their name be take by action or otherwise, as is before expressed, before the same yere ended & determined, as euery other person after half a yere next after like offences & forfaites had & made in forme aforesaid, if none sute therupon be taken by none of them in forme aboue declared, be vtterly excluded & barred of their said suites, actions, & examinatiõs to them giuen by vertu of this said act.

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And the parties and euery of them so offendynge, be of all suche offences and forfaitis clerely discharged and quite, any thynge in this act compryssed to the contrarye not withstandynge, and as thoughe this acte had neuer ben had nor made.

¶Prouyded also that this acte or any thynge therin conteyned, extende not or be preiudiciall to any marchauntes, the whiche haue or shall haue any crosselbowes or handgunnes to selle within this realme, and to none other vse. Prouyded alway, that no maner of person renne in any daunger, or take hurt by reason of any penaltie or forfayture conteyned in this act, tyll suche tyme as proclamation be made of the same acte: nor by the space of. xx. dayes nexte after the sayde proclamation be made within the countie, where the partie that shal or may offend contrarie to this act dwelleth.

¶Prouyded also that if any maner of person bring or cause to be brought with hym into his lodging, or into any other mans house, any crosbow or handgunne: that then the penaltie and forfayture, yf any suche be or hereafter shalbe forfayted by reason of this acte, to renne and be only vpon the bringer of the said crosbowe and handgunne, and not to the owner of the same lodging or house, if the said owner of the said lodging cause the bringer therof to take and recarie awaye the sayde crosbowe or handgounne ageyne with hym at his departynge: any thynge in this acte made to the contrarye notwithstandynge.

¶Prouyded alway, that this acte concernynge crosselbowes and handegunnes, ne any thynge therin conteyned, extende or in any wyse be hurtefull to any person or persons, to whom it shall please the kynge our souerayne lorde, his heires, or successours to gyue licence by his letters patentes vnder his great seale to shote in crosbowes or handgonnes, or in euery of them: or to haue and kepe the same crosbowes and handegunnes in his or their houses for the defence of the same.

¶Be it also enacted by the auctoritie of this present parlyament, that yf any person or persons hereafter from the fyrst day of June next coming, se or fynde any person or persons offendinge or doinge contrarie to the forme and effecte of this acte, that then it shalbe lefull to euerye suche persone or persones, percey uynge, fyndynge, or seing any suche person or persons so offendynge contrary to the forme of this acte, to arreste and attache euery suche offender or offenders, and to bringe or conueye the same offender or offenders, to the nexte Justyce of the peace of the same countie, where the sayde offender or offenders shall be founde so offendynge. And that the same Justice of peace vpon a dewe examination and proue therof before hym hadde or made by his discretion, shall haue full power and auctoritie to sende or commyt the same offender or offenders to the next gaole, there to remayne tyll suche tyme as the saide penaltie or forfayture shall be truely contented & paide by the said offender. The one moitie of the same penaltie to be paid to the kynges highnes, & the other moitie therof to the fyrst bringer or conueyer of the sayd offender to the same Justice of peace.

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¶ Prouided alway, that this acte or any thynge therin conteyned, be not in any wise hurtfull or prejudicial to any seruant or person, that hereafter from the sayd first day of June, shal bende, beare, vse or assaye any crossebowe or handegunne, by the commaundement of his lorde or mayster, so that the sayde seruant or persone, do not shote at any fowle, deere, or other game, what kynde or nature so euer they be, nor also to any suche seruant persone or persones, that shall after the sayde fyrste day of June, beare or conueye any crossebowe or handegounne, to any place or places by the commaundement of his lorde or mayster, that may shote by the auctoritie of this acte, so that the sayd seruãt or other pson, so bringyng or conueying the said crossebowe or handegunne, haue redy to shewe to euery person requiring the sight therof, one licence in writing sealed or subscribed by his saide lorde or masters hande, to carry and conueye the same crossebowe or handgunne, to thintent to be amended, repaired, or assayed, as is aforesaid.

¶ Prouided also, that this acte, nor any thyng therin conteyned, be hurtfull or prejudiciall to any gonners, beinge in the kynges wages, onely for shotynge in handgonnes, bearynge or kepyng of the same handgonnes in their houses: So always that they with the same do not shote vnto any beast or foule vpon the peynes before expressed.

¶ Prouyded alway that it shalbe lauful for the inhabitantes of the countreis of Northumberlande, Duresme, Westmerlande, and Comberlande, to kepe in their houses, crosbowes and handgonnes, and shote in the same for defence of their persons, goodes, and houses agaynste theues, scottis, and other the kynges enemies, and for clensynge & scourynge of the same onely, and for none other pourpose: This acte or any thynge comprysed within the same not withstandyng.

¶ An acte concernyng clothears, or makers of wollen cloches within the shire of Worcester. Cap. xviii.

Heweth vnto the kyng our soueraygne lorde, and to the lordes spirituall and temporall, and to the cõmons in this present parlyament assembled, the citezens, burgeses, & inhabitantes of the citie of Worcester, and of the townes of Euesham, Droitwich, Kedermynster, & Bromisgroue within the countie of Worcester, that where the sayd citie, boroughes, and townes haue ben in tymes paste well & substantiallly inhabited, occupied, mayntained, and vpholden by reson of makynge of wollen clothes, called long clothes, short clothes, & other clothes, as well whites, blewes, and browne blewes: and the poore people of the same citie, borowes, and townes, and of the countrey adioynynge to them dayly sette a worke, as in spynnynge, cardynge, breadynge, and sortyng of wolles, and the handy craftes there inhabiting, as weauers, fullers, sheremen, & diers, haue ben wel set a worke, & had sufficient liuing by the same: vntyl now within few yeres passed, that dyuers psons inhabiting & dwellyng in the hamlettis, thropes, & villages, adioynyng to the said citie, bo-

towes, and townes within the sayd shire for their priuate welthis, singular aduantages, and commodities, nothing regardyng the mayntenance and vpholdyng of the sayde citie, boroughes, and townes, ne the cõmon welth of the sayd handy craftes, inhabityng and dwellyng within the said citie, borowes, and townes, ne the pore people, whiche had ipuyng by the same, haue not only ingrosed and taken into their handes diuers and sondry fermes, & become fermers, graziers, & husbondmen, but also do exercise, vse, and occupy the misteries of clothmaking, weauing, fulling, & shrynge within their said houses, and do make all maner of clothes, as well brode clothes, whites, and playne clothes within their sayd houses in the countreis abrode, to the great decay, depopulation, and ruine of the sayde cite, townes, & borowes. For remedy wherof, & for the amẽdmẽt, good aduancement of the said cite, borowes, and townes, be it enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament, that after the last day of September, which shalbe in the yere of our lorde god. M. D. XXXVI. no maner persons ne person, of what degre or condicions so euer he or they be of, shall make or cause to be made within the said shyre of worcester, any maner of wollen clothes to be solde, except onely suche persons or person, as after the said last day of Septembre, shalbe dwelling & inhabityng within the said citie of worcester, the boroughes, & townes of Euesham, Droitwiche, Kedermynster, & Bromisgroue within the said countie of worcester, or in any one of them, vpon pein of forfaiture, for euery such brode clothe made after the said day by any person or persons, contrary to the true meanynge of this acte. xl.s.

¶ And ferther it is prouided by auctoritie aforesayde, that the lordes and owners of the meses, tenementes, or cotages within the sayde citie, or any of the townes and boroughes aforesaid, shall at no tyme hereafter dimitte, sette or let any mese, tenement, or cotage sufficientely repaired within the said citie, boroughes, or townes before limitted to any persone or persons, that hereafter shall inhabite in the sayde citie, boroughes, or townes, and exercysynge any of the said misteries or craftes, at any higher rent, imposition, or charge, then was gyuen for the same at any tyme within. xx. yeres nexte before the makyng of this act only except.

¶ Prouyded alwaye, that this acte be not hurtfull ne preiudiciall to any person or persons for makyng any clothes for theyr owne wearynge, theyr chylderne, or seruantis wearynge.

¶ Also prouided, that in the sayd citie and euery towne and borough aforesaid, there shalbe due serche made of euery suche clothe beforesayde, there made, and that they be meated both length and brede, beinge wette frõ the mylle, & before they be set vpon the racke and dried: and that they shalbe sealed with the seale of the serchers of the same citie, towne, or borow: whiche seale shall haue a stampe conteynyng the true nombres for the length and brede of the same clothe beinge wette: in peyne of forfaytynge for euery clothe put to sale, not haueynge the saids seale of the serchers. xx.s. And the sealer to forfayte for euery clothe, by hym serched and sealed contrarie to the

the tyme mentyg of this act. vi.s. viii.d. The one halfe of the said forfaitis to be to the kyng our soueraign lord, & the other halfe to the parte that shal sue for the same in any of the kynges courtis by writt of bille, bylle, playnt, or information, in whiche actions or action, the defendaunt or defendaunt shall not wage ayde nor any essoyn or protection shalbe allowed. And the seruer shal haue for euery such seruyng or warnyng of euery cloth a peny, & not aboue.

An acte concernyng the submission of the clergie to the kynges maiestie. Cap. xxi.

Where the kinges humble and obedient subiectis, the clergie of this realme of Englande, haue not only knowleged according to the truth, that the Conuocations of the same clergy, is alwaus hath ben & ought to be assembled only by the kinges writ, but also submitting thē selfes to the kinges maiestie, haue putted in wrytyng, that they wol neuer frō hensforth presume to attempt, alleage, claime, or put in vre, or enact, promulge, or execute any new canōs, constitutiōs, ordinaūces prouincial, or other, or by what so euer other name they shalbe called in the Conuocation, oneles the kynges moste royall assent and licence maye to them be had, to make, promulge, and execute the same: and that his maiestie do gyue his moste royall assent and auctoritie in that behalfe. And where dyuers constitutions, ordenaunces, and canons prouinciall or Synodall, whiche heretofore haue bene enacted, and be thought not only to be more preiudiciall to the kynges prerogatiue royal, and repugnant to the lawes and statutes of this realme, but also ouermuche onerous to his hyghnes and his subiectes: the sayde clergie hath moste humbly besought the kinges highnes, that the sayde constitutions and canons may be committed to the examination and iugement of his highnes, and of xxxii. persons of the kynges subiectes, whereof xvi. to be of the vpper and nether house of the parliamente, of the temporalte: and other xvi. to be of the clergie of this realme: And al the sayd xxxii. persons to be chosen and appointed by the kynges maiestie. And that suche of the said constitutions, and canons as shall be thought and determyned by the sayde xxxii. persons, or the more part of them worthy to be abrogated & annulled, shalbe abolute & made of no value accordyngly. And such other of the same constitutions & canons, as by the said xxxii. or the more parte of them, shall be appoyned to stande with the lawes of god, & cōsonant to the lawes of this realme: shall stande in their ful strength and power, the kinges most royall assent fyrst had and obteyned to the same. BE IT therefore nowe enacted by auctoritie of this present parliamente, accordyng to the said submission and petition of the said clergie, that they ne any of them from hensforthe shall presume to attempte, alleage, clayme, or put in vre any constitutions, or ordinances prouincial or Synodals, or any other canons: but shall enacte, promulge, or execute any such canons, constitutiōs, or ordenaunces prouincial, by what

so euer name or names they maye be called in their conuocations in tyme comynge, whiche alwaye shalbe assembled by auctorite of the kynges writt: Oneles the same clergie may haue the kynges most royall assent & licence to make, promulge, and execute suche canons, constitutions, & ordinances prouinciall or Synodall, vpon peyne of euery one of the said clergie, doinge contrarie to this acte, and beinge therof conuicte, to suffre emprisonment, and make fine at the kynges wyll.

¶ And for as moche as suche canons, constitutions, and ordinaunce, as heretofore haue ben made by the clergie of this realme, can not nowe at the session of this present parlyamente, by reason of shortenesse of tyme, be viewed, examined, and determyned by the kynges highnes, and. xxxii. persones to be chosen and appoynted, according vnto the peticion of the sayde clergie, in fourme aboue rehersed: Be it therfore enacted by auctorite aforesayd, that the kynges highnes shall haue power and auctorite to nominate and assigne at his pleasure the sayde. xxxii. persones, of his subiectes, whereof. xvi. to be of the clergie, and. xvi. to be of the temporaltie, of the vpper and nether house of the parliament. And yf any of the said. xxxii. persons so chosen, shall happen to dye before they full determination: than his highenes to nominate other from tyme to tyme, of the said two houses of the parlyament, to supply the nombre of the said. xxxii. And that the same. xxxii. by his highnes so to be named, shall haue power and auctorite to viewe, serche, and examyne the sayde canons, constitutions, and ordinance prouinciall and Synodal heretofore made: and suche of them, as the kynges highnes and the sayde. xxii. or the more parte of them shall deme and adiudge worthy to be contynued, kepte, and obeyed, shall be from thensforthe kepte, obeyed, and executed within this realme, so that the kynges moste royall assent, vnder his great seale, be fyrste had to the same. And the residue of the sayd canons, constitutions, and ordynaunce prouinciall, which the kynges highnes, and the sayde. xxii. persons, or the more parte of them, shall not approue, or deme and iudge worthy to be abolite, abrogate, and made frustrate: shall from thensforth be voyde and of none effecte, and neuer be put in execution within this realme. ¶ Prouyded alway that no canons, constitutions, or ordinaunce, shall be made or put in execution within this realme, by auctorite of the Conuocation of the clergie, which shalbe contrariant or repugnant to the kynges prerogatiue royall, or the customes lawes or statutes of this realme: Any thynge contayned in this acte to the contrary hereof not withstandynge.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that from the feast of Easter, which shalbe in the yere of our lorde god. M. D. XXXIIII. no maner of appeles shalbe had, prouoked, or made out of this realme, or out of any the kynges dominions, to the bysshop of Rome, nor to the see of Rome, in any causes or matters happyng to be in contention, & hauing their commencement & beginning in any of the courtes within this realme, or with-

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in any the kynges dominions, of what nature, condicion, or qualitie so euer they be of: but that all maner of appeles, of what nature or condicion so euer they be of, or what cause or matter so euer they concerne, shall be made and had by the parties greued, or hauyng cause of appele, after suche maner, fourme, and condicion, as is limitted for appeles to be had and prosecuted within this realme in causes of matrimonie, tithes, oblacions, and obuencions, by a statute therof made and established sythen the begynnynge of this present parliament, and accordynge to the fourme and effect of the sayd statute, any vsage, custome, prescription, or any thynge or thynges to the contrary herof notwithstandyng. And for lacke of Justice at or in any the courtes of the archebyshoppes of this realme, or in any the kynges dominions: it shalbe lawfull to the parties greued, to appele to the kynges maiestie, in the kynges courte of Chancerie. And that vpon euery suche appele, a commission shal be directed vnder the great seale to suche persons as shalbe named by the kynges highnes, his heires or successours, lyke as in case of appele from the Admyrall courte, to here, and diffinitiuely determyne suche appeales, and the causes concernynge the same. Whiche commissioners so by the kynges highnes, his heires, or successours, to be named or appoynted, shall haue full power and auctorite to here, and diffinitiuely determyne euery suche appele, with the causes and all circumstaunces concernynge the same: And that suche iudgement and sentence, as the said commissioners shall make and decree, in and vpon any suche appele, shall be good and effectuall, and also diffinitue: And no further appeles to be had or made from the saide commissioners for the same.

¶ And if any person or persons, at any tyme after the said feest of Easter, prouoke or sue any maner of appeles, of what nature or condicion so euer they be of, to the sayd bysshop of Rome, or to the See of Rome, or do procure or execute any maner of places, from the See of Rome, or by auctoritie therof, to the derogation or lette of the dewe execution of this acte, or contrary to the same: that then euery suche person or persons (so doynge) their aydours, counsaylours, and abettours, shall incurre and renne into the daungers, peynes, and penalties contayned and limitted in the acte of Prouision and Premunire, made in the. xvi. yere of the kynges mooste noble progenitour, kynge Richarde the seconde, agaynste suche as seke to the courte of Rome, agayne the kynges crowne and prerogatiue royall.

¶ Prouided alwaies, that all maner of prouocations and appeles hereafter to be had, made, or taken from the iurisdiction of any abbottes, priours, or other heades & gouernours of monasteries, abbeys, priories, & other houses & places exempt, in suche cases as they were wonte or mought afore the makynge of this act, by reason of graunte or liberties of suche places exempt to haue or make immediately any appele or prouocation to the bysshop of Rome, otherwise called Pope, or to the See of Rome, that in all these cases euery person and persons, hauynge cause of appele or prouocation, shall maye take and make their appeles and prouocations im-

mediately to the kynges maieſtie of this realme into the courte of Chaun-cery in lyke maner and fourme as they vſed afore to do to the ſee of Rome: whiche appeles and prouocations ſo made, ſhall be diligently determy-ned by auctorite of the kinges commiſſion in ſuche maner and forme as in this acte is above mencioned. So that no archebyſhop nor byſhop of this realme, ſhall entermette or medell with any ſuche appeles, otherwyſe or in any other maner, than they moughte lawe done afore the makynge of this acte: any thynge in this acte to the contrary therof not withſtandyng. Prouyded alſo that ſuch canons, conſtitucions, ordinances, and ſyno-dals prouincial, beinge all redy made, whiche be not contrariant nor re-pugnant to the lawes, ſtatutes, and cuſtomes of this realme, nor to the damage or hurte of the kynges prerogatiue royall, ſhall mowe ſtyl be vſed and executed as they were afore the makynge of this acte, tyll ſuche tyme as they be viewed, ſerched, or otherwiſe ordred and determined by the ſaid xxxii. perſons, or the more parte of them, accordyng to the tenour, fourme, and effecte of this preſent acte.

An act reſtraynyng the payment of annates, or firſt frutes to the biſhop of Rome, and of the electynge and conſecratynge of archbyſhops and byſhoppes within this realme. Cap. xx.

Where ſithen the beginning of this preſent parliament for re-preſſe of the exaction of annates and firſt frutes of archby-ſhoprices and biſhoprithes of this realme, wrongfully take by the byſhop of Rome, otherwiſe called the pope, and the ſee of Rome, It is ordeyned and eſtabliſhed by an acte amonges other thinges, that the paimentis of the annatis or firſt frutes, and al ma-ner contributions for the ſame, for any ſuch archebiſhoprithe or byſhop-rithe, or for any bulles to be optayned from the ſee of Rome, to or for the ſaid purpoſe or intent, ſhuld vtterly ceſſe, and no ſuch to be payde for any arch-biſhoprithe or byſhoprithe within this realme, otherwyſe than in the ſame act is expreſſed. And that no maner of perſon or perſons to be named, elec-ted, preſented, or poſtulated to any archbyſhoprithe or byſhoprithe within this realme, ſhuld pay the ſayd annates or firſt frutes, nor any other ma-ner of ſume or ſummes of money, pencions, or annuites for the ſame, or for any other lyke exaction or cauſe, vpon peyn to forfait to our ſouerayn lorde the kyng, his heires, & ſucceſſours, al maner his goodes & chattals for euer, & all the temporal landes & poſſeſſions of the ſaid archbiſhoprich or byſhop-riche during the tyme that he or they, that ſhuld offende contrary to the ſaid act, ſhuld haue, poſſeſſe, & enioy the ſaid archbiſhoprich or biſhoprich. And it was further enacted, that all any perſon named or preferred to the ſee of Rome by the kinges highnes or his heires or ſucceſſours, to be byſhop of any ſee or diocee within this realme, ſhuld happen to be letted delayed or deferred at the ſee of Rome from ſuche byſhoprithe, wherevnto he ſhuld be ſo

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presented, by meane of restraynt of bulles of the sayd bysshoppe of Rome, otherwise called the pope, and other thynges requisite to the same, or shuld be denied at the see of Rome, vppon conuenient suite made for any bulles requisite for any suche cause: that then euery person so presented mought or shulde be consecrated here in Englande by the archebysshoppe, in whose prouince the sayd bysshoprziche shall be: so alwayes that the same persone shuld be named and presented by the kyng for the tyme beynge to the sayd archbishop. And if any person being named & presented (as is beforesayd) to any archbishoprzich of this realme, making conuenient suite as is afore said, shuld happen to be letted, delaid, deferred, or otherwise disturbed from the said archbishoprziche, for lacke of pall, bulles, or other thynges to hym requisite to be optayned at the see of Rome: that then euery such person so named and presented to be archbysshop, mought & shuld be cõsecrated & inuested after presentation made as is aforesaid, by any other. ii. bysshoppes within this realme, whom the kynges highnes, or any his heires or successours, kynges of England, wold appoint & assigne for the same, according and after lyke maner, as dyuers archebysshops and bishops haue ben here tofore in auncient tyme by sondry the kynges mooste noble progenitours made, consecrated, and inuested within this realme. And it was further enacted by the said act, that euery archbishop & bishop, being named & presented by the kinges highnes, his heires & successours kinges of Englãd, & being consecrated & inuested, as is aforsaid, shalbe installed accordyngly, and shuld be accepted, takẽ, & reputed, vsed & obeid, as an archbishop or bysshop of the dignite, see or plase, whervnto he shalbe so named presented and cõsecrated, & as other like prelatis of that prouince see or dioces haue bẽ vsed accepted, taken, & obeyed, which haue had & obteyned completly their bulles and other thynges requisite in that behalfe from the see of Rome, & also shuld fully and intierly haue and enioy all the spiritualties and temporalties of the sayd archebysshoprzche or bysshoprziche in as large ample and benefycialle maner, as any of his or theyr predecessours had or inioyed in the sayde archebysshoprziche or bysshoprzche, satisfienge and peldynge vnto the kynges highnes, and to his heires, and successours, al such dueties, ryghtes, and inuestes, as before tyme hath ben accustomed to be paid for any suche archebysshoprziche or bysshoprziche, accordynge to the auncient lawes and customes of this realme, and the kynges prerogatiue royal, as in the sayd act amonges other thinges is more at large mencioned.

¶ And all be it the sayd bysshop of Rome, otherwyse called the pope, hath ben enformed and certified of the effectual contentes of the sayd act, to the entent that by some gentyll wayes the sayd exactions myght haue benne redressed and reformed: yet neuer the les the sayd bysshop of Rome hytherto hath made none answere of his mynd therin to the kynges highnes, nor deuysed or required any reasonable ways to and with our sayde souerayne lorde for the same. Wherfore his moste royall maiestie, of his mooste excellent goodnes, for the welth and profyt of this his realme and subiectes

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of the same, hath not onely put his moste gratious and royal assent to the forsayde acte, but also hath ratified and confirmed the same, and euery clause and article therin conteyned, as by his letters patentes vnder his great seale enrolled in the parlyament rolle of this present parlyamente more at large is conteyned.

¶ And for as moche as in the sayde acte it is not playnly and certaynely expressed, in what maner and facion archebyshoppes and byshoppes shall be elected, presented, inuested, and consecrated within this realme, and in all other the kynges dominions: Be it nowe therfore enacted by the kyng our souerayne lorde, by thassent of the lordis spirituall and temporall, and the cõmons in this present parlyament assembled, and by thauctorite of the same, that the sayd acte, and euery thinge therin conteined, shalbe and stonde in strength vertue and effecte, except only that no person or persons hereafter shall be presented nominated or cõmended to the saide byshop of Rome, otherwyse called the pope, or to the see of Rome, to or for the dignitie or office of any archbishop or byshop within this realme, or in any other the kinges dominions, nor shall sende nor procure there for any maner of bulles, breues, palles, or other thynges requisite for an archebyshop or byshop, nor shal pay any sõmes of money for annates, firste frutes, or other wise for expedition of any such bulles, breues, or palles: but that by the auctorite of this act, suche presentyng, nominatyng, or cõmendyng to the said bishop of Rome, or to the See of Rome, and suche bulles, breues, palles, annates, firste fruites, and euery other sommes of money heretofore limitted, accustomed or vsed to be payde at the said see of Rome, for procuration or expedition of any suche bulles, breues, or palles, or other thyng concernynge the same, shall vtterly ceasse and no lenger be vsed within this realme, or within any the kynges dominions, any thynge conteyned in the sayd act afore mencioned, or any vse, custome, or prescription to the contrary therof not withstandyng.

¶ And furthermore be it ordeyned & established by the auctorite aforsaid, that at euery auoydance of any archbyshopriche or bishopriche within this realme, or in any other the kynges dominions: the kynge our souerayghe lorde, his heires and successours may grant to the priour and conuente, or the deane and chapiter of the cathedrall churches or monasteries, where the see of such archbishopriche or bishopriche shal happen to be voyd, a licẽce vnder the great seale, as of old tyme hath ben accustomed, to procede to election of an archbishop or byshop of the see so beinge voyde, with a letter missiue, conteynynge the name of the persone, whiche they shall electe and chose. By vertue of whiche licence the said deane and chapter, or prior and couent, to whom any such licence and letters missiues shalbe directed, shal with al spede & celerite, in due forme elect and chose the said pson named in the said letters missiues to the dignite & office of the archbishopriche or byshopriche, so beinge voyde, and none other. And if they do or differre or delay their election aboue. xii. days next after such licence & letters missiues

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to them deliuered, that then for euery such defaut the kynges highnes, his heires and successours, at their libertie and pleasure, shall nominate and present by their letters patentes vnder their great seale suche a persone to the said office and dignitie, so beyng voyde, as they shal thinke able & conuenient for the same. And that euery suche nomination and presentement to be made by the kinges highnes, his heires and successours, if it be to the office and dignitie of a byshop, shalbe made to the archbyshop and metropolitane of the prouince, where the see of the same bishoprich is void, if the see of the said archbishop be then full and not voyde: and if it be void, the to be made to suche archbyshop or metropolitane within this realme, or in any the kynges dominions, as shal please the kynges highnes, his heires or successours. And if any suche nomination or presentment shall happen to be made for defaut of such election to the dignitie or office of any archebyshop: then the kinges highnes, his heires and successours, by his letters patentis vnder his great seale shall nominate and present suche person as they wyll dispose to haue the said office and dignitie of archbyshoprich beinge voyde, to one such archebyshop, and .ii. such bishops, or els to .iiii. suche bishoppes in this realme, or in any the kynges dominions, as shall be assigned by our sayd soueraygne lorde, his heires or successours.

¶ And be it enacted by thauctorite aforesayd, that when so euer any suche presentment or nomination shall be made by the kynges highnes, his heires or successours, by vertue and auctorite of this acte, and accordyng to the tenour of the same: that then euery archbishop and byshop, to whose handes any suche presentment and nomination shalbe directed, shall with all spede & celeritie inuest and consecrate the persone nominate & presented by the kynges highnes, his heires, or successours to the office and dignite, that such person shalbe so presented vnto, & giue and vse to him pall and al other benedictions, ceremonies, & thinges requisite for the same, without suinge, procurynge, or obteynyng hereafter any bulles or other thinges at the see of Rome, for any suche office or dignitie in any behalfe. And yf the sayde deane and chappter, or priour and conuente, after suche licence, and letters missiues to them directed within the sayd .xii. dayes, do electe and chose the sayd persone mencioned in the sayde letters missiues, accordynge to the requeste of the kynges highnes, his heyres or successours, therof to be made by the sayd letters missiues in that behalfe: than their election shal stonde good and effectuall to all intentes, and that the person so elected, after certification made of the same election, vnder the comen and couent seale of the electours to the kynges highnes, his heires or successours, shall be reputed and taken by the name of lorde electyd of the sayd dignitee and office, that he shall be electyd vnto: And then makyng suche othe & feautie only to the kynges maiestie, his heires & successours, as shall be appoynted for the same, the kynges highnes by his letters patentes vnder his great seale, shall signifie the saide election, yf it be to the dignitie of a bishop, to the archbyshop and metropolitane of the prouince where

where the see of the said bysshoprîche was voyde, if the see of the said archbysshop be ful & not voyd. And if it be voyde, than to any other archbysshop within this realme, or in any other the kynges dominions, requiryng and commaundyng such archbysshop, to whom any suche signification shalbe made, to confirme the sayde election, and to inuest and consecrate the said personne so electyd to the office and dignitie that he is elected vnto, and to gyue and vse to hym all suche benedictions, ceremonies, and other thynges requisite for the same, without any suing, procurynge, or obteynynge any bulles, letters, or other thynges from the see of Rome for the same in any behalfe. And if the person be elected to the office & dignitie of an archbysshop, accordyng to the tenour of this acte, than after suche election certified to the kynges highnes in forme aforesaide, the same persone so elected to the office and dignitie of an archbysshop, shall be reputed and taken lord elect to the said office and dignitie of archebysshop, whervnto he shall be so elected: And then after he hath made suche othe and feautie onely to the kynges maiestie, his heires and successours, as shalbe limitted for the same, the kynges highnes by his letters patentes vnder his great seale, shall signifie the sayd election to one archebysshop and. ii. other bysshops, or els to. iiii. bysshops within this realme, or within any other the kynges dominions, to be assigned by the kynges highnes, his heires or successours, requirynge and commandynge the sayd archbysshop and bysshops with all spede and celerite, to confirme the saide election, and to inuestе and consecrate the saide person, so elected to the office and dignitie, that he is elected vnto, and to gyue and vse to hym suche palle, benedictions, ceremonyes, and all other thynges requisite for the same, without suynge, procurynge, or obteynyng any bulles, breues, or other thynges at the said see of Rome, or by the auctoritie therof in any behalfe.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that euery person and persones beinge hereafter chosen, elected, nominate, presented, inuested, and consecrate to the dignitie or office of any archbysshop or bysshop within this realme, or within any other the kynges dominions accordynge to the fourme, tenure, and effecte of this present acte, and suynge theyr temporalties out of the kynges handes, his heyres or successours, as hath ben accustomed, and makynge a corporalle othe to the kynges highnes, and to none other, in fourme as is afore rehersed, shall and may from henceforthe be tronontised or installed, as the case shal require, and shall haue and take their onely restitution, out of the kinges handes, of al the possessions & profites spiritual & temporal belonging to the said archbishoprich or bishoprich, whervnto they shalbe so elected or presented, and shall be obeyed in all maner of thynges, accordynge to the name, title, degree, and dignitie, that they shalbe so chosen or presented vnto, and do and execute in euery thinge and thinges, touchyng the same, as any archebysshop or bishop of this realme, without offendynge of the prerogatiue royal of the crowne, and the lawes and customes of this realme, mought at any tyme heretofore do.

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¶And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that if the priour and couent of any monasterie, or deane and chapter of any cathedrall churche, where the see of any archebyshop or byshop is within any the kynges dominions, after suche licence, as is afore rehersed, shall be delyuered to theym, procede not to election, and signifie the same accordynge to the tenour of this acte, within the space of. xx. dayes next after suche licēce shall come to theyr handes, or els if any archebyshop or byshop within any the kynges dominyons after any suche election nomination or presentation shall be signified vnto theym by the kynges letters patentes, shall refuse and do not confirme, inuest, and consecrate, with al due circumstance as is aforesayd, euery suche person as shalbe so elected, nominate, or presentid, and to them signyfied, as is aboue mencioned, within. xx. dayes nexte after the kynges letters patentes of suche sygnifycation, or presentation shall come to theyr handes: or els if any of them or any other person or persons, admitte, mayntayne, allowe, obey, do, or execute any censures, excommunications, interdictions, inhibitions, or any other processe or acte, of what nature name or qualitie so euer it be, to the contrarie or lette of dewe execution of this acte: that then euerye priour and particular persone of his conuente, and euerye deane and particular persone of the chapiter, and euery archebysshoppe and bysshoppe, and all other personnes so offendynge and doinge contrarie to this acte, or any parte thereof, and theyr aydours, counsaylours, and abbettours shall ronne in the daungers, peines, and penalties of the estatute of the Prouision and premunire, made in the. xvi. yere of the reigne of kynge Edward the thirde, and in the. xvi. yere of kynge Rycharde the seconde.

¶An acte concernyng the exoneration of the kynges subiectis from exactions and impositions here to fore payde to the see of Rome: and for hauynge licences and dispensations within this realme without sewynge further for the same. Capit. xxi.

MOst humbly beseechen your most royal maiestie your obedient and faithful subiectes, the commons of this your present parlyament assembled by your moste dradde commaundemente: That where your subiectes of this your realme, and of other countreys and dominions beinge vnder your obeysaunce, by many yeres past haue ben and yet be greatly decaide and impouerished by suche intollerable exactions of great summes of money, as haue ben claimed and taken, and yet continually be claimed to be taken out of this your realme, and other your sayde countreys and dominions by the byshop of Rome, called the pope, & the see of Rome, as wel in pentions, censes, peter pence, procurations, fruites, suites for prouisions and expeditions of buls for archbishoprikes, and byshoprikes, and for delegacies, and rescriptis

in cauſes of contentions and appeles, iuriſdictions legatine, and alſo for diſpenſations, lycences, faculties, grauntis, relaratiõs, writtes called Per inde valere, rehabilitations, abolitions, & other infinite ſortes of buls, breues, & inſtrumentes of ſondry natures names & kyndes in great nombres heretofore practiſed and opteyned, otherwyſe than by the lawes, laudable vſes, & cuſtomes of this realme ſhuld be permitted, the ſpecialities wherof ben ouerlonge, large in nombre, and tedious here particularly to be inſerted. Wherin the byſhop of Rome aforeſayde, hath not ben only to be blamed, for his vſurpation in the premiſſes, but alſo for his abuſynge and begylynge your ſubiectes, pretendynge and perſwadynge to theym, that he hath full power to diſpence with all humayne lawes, vſes, and cuſtomes of all realmes, in all cauſes, whiche be called ſpirituall. Whiche matter hath bene vſurped and practiſed by hym and his predeceſſours by manye peres, in great derogation of your imperiall crowne and auctorite royall, contrarie to ryght and conſcience. For where this your graces realme, recognuſynge no ſuperiour vnder god but onely your grace hath ben and is free from ſubiection to any mans lawes, but onely to ſuche as haue bene deuiſed, made, and ordeyned within this realme for the welth of the ſame, or to ſuche other, as by ſufferance of your grace and your progenitours, the people of this your realme, haue taken at their free lybertie by their owne conſente to be vſed amonges them, and haue bounde them ſelfes by long vſe & cuſtome to the obſeruance of the ſame, not as to the obſeruance of the lawes of any forein prince, potẽtate, or prelate: but as to the cuſtomed & anciẽt lawes of this realme, originally eſtabliſhed, as lawes of the ſame, by the ſaid ſuffrãce, conſentes, & cuſtome, & none otherwiſe. It ſtõdeth therfore with natural equite and good reaſon, that in all and euery ſuch lawes humayne, made within this realme, or induced into this realme by the ſaid ſufferance, conſentes, and cuſtome: your royall maieſtie, and your lordes ſpirituall and temporalle, and commons repreſentynge the holle ſtate of your realme, in this your moſte hygh courte of parlyament, haue full power and auctorite, not onely to diſpence, but alſo to auctoriſe ſome electe perſon or perſons, to diſpence with thoſe and all other humayne lawes of this your realme, and with euery one of them, as the qualitie of the perſons and matter ſhal require. And alſo the ſayd lawes and euery of them, to abrogate, adnul, amplifie, or diminiſhe, as it ſhalbe ſene vnto your maieſtie, and the nobles and cõmons of your realme, preſent in your parlyament, mete & conuenient for the welth of your realme: as by dyuers good and holſome actes of parliamentes, made and eſtablyſhed as well in your tyme, as in the tyme of your moſt noble progenitours, it maye playnely and euidently appere. And bycauſe that it is nowe in theſe dayes preſent, ſene, that the ſtate, dignitie, ſuperiorite, reputation, and auctorite of the ſayde imperiall crowne of this realme, by the longe ſufferance of the ſaid vnreaſonable and vncharitable vſurpations and eractions, practiſed in the tymes of your moſte noble progenitours, is moche and fore decayde,

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and diminished, and the people of this realme therby impouerished, and so or worse be lyke to continue, if remedie be not therfore shortly prouyded.

¶ It may therfore please your moste noble maiestie, for the honour of almyghty god, and for the tender loue, zele, and affection, that ye beare and always haue borne to the welthe of this your realme, and subiectes of the same, for as moche as your maieste is supreme heed of the churche of Englande, as the prelates and clergie of your realme, representynge the said churche in theyr Synodes and conuocations haue recognised: in whome consisteth ful power and auctorite vpon al such lawes as haue ben made & vsed within this realme: to ordeine and enact by the assent of your lordes spiritual & temporal, and the cõmons in this your present parliament assembled, & by auctorite of the same, that no person or persons of this your realme, or of any other your dominions, shal from henceforth pay any pẽsions, censes, portions, peterpence, or any other impositions to the vse of the said bysshop, or of the see of Rome, like as heretofore they haue vsed, by vsurpation of the said bisshop of Rome, & his predecessours, and sufferance of your highnes and your most noble progenitours to do, but that al suche pensions, censes, portions, and peterpence, which the said bisshop of Rome, otherwise called the pope, hath heretofore taken and perceiued, or caused to be taken and perceiued to his vse & his chaumbres, whiche he calleth apostolike, by vsurpation and sufferaunce, as is aboue saide, within this your realme, or any other your dominions, shall from hens forthe cleerely surcesse, and neuer more be leuied, taken, perceyued, nor paide to any person or persons in any maner of wyse, any constitution, vse, prescription, or custome to the contrarie therof not withstandyng.

¶ And be hit ferther enacted by the auctorite afore sayde, that neyther your hyghnes, your heyres, nor successours kynges of this realme, nor any your subiectes of this realme, nor of any other your dominions, shal from hensforthe sewe to the sayd bysshoppe of Rome, called the pope, or to the see of Rome, or to any person or persons, hauing or pretendyng any auctoritie by the same, for licences, dispensations, impositions, faculties, graũtes, rescriptes, delegacies, or any other instrumentes or wrytynges, of what kynde, name, nature, or qualitie so euer they be of, for any cause or matter: for the whiche any licence, dispensation, composition, facultie, graunt, rescripte, delegacie, instrument, or other writyng heretofore hath ben vsed and accustomed to be had and optayned at the see of Rome, or by auctoritie therof, or of any prelate of this realme: nor for any maner of other licences, dispensations, compositions, faculties, grauntes, rescriptis, delegacies, or any other instrumentes or wrytinges, that in causes of necessitie may lawfully be graunted without offendinge of the holy scriptures and lawes of god: But that from hensforthe euery suche lycence, dispensation, composition, facultie, graunt, rescripte, delegacie, instrument, and other writynge afore named and mencioned, necessarie for your hyghnes, your heyres or successours, and your and their people and subiectes, vpon

the dewe examinations of the causes and qualities of the persons procurynge suche dispensations, licences, compositions, faculties, graunts, rescriptis, delegacies, instrumentes, or other writinges, shalbe graunted, hadde, and obteyned frome tyme to tyme, within this your realme, and other your dominions, and not els where, in maner and fourme folowinge and none otherwyse: that is to saye, the archbyshop of Canturburie, for the tyme beinge, and his successours, shall haue power and auctorite from tyme to tyme, by theyr discretions, to gyue, graunt, and dispose by an instrument, vnder the seale of the sayde archebyshoppe, vnto your maiestie, and to your heyres and successours, kynges of this realme, as well al maner suche licences, dispensations, compositions, faculties, graunces, rescriptes, delegacies, instrumentes, and all other writinges for causes not beinge contracie or repugnant to the holy scriptures and lawes of god, as heretofore hath ben vsed, and accustomed to be had and obteyned by your highnes, or any your moste noble progenitours, or any of yours or theyr subiectes, at the see of Rome: or any person or persons by auctorite of the same: & al other lycences, dispensations, faculties, compositions, graunces, rescriptes, delegacies, instrumentes, and other writynges, in, for, and vpon all suche causes and matters, as shalbe conuenient and necessarie to be had, for the honour and suretie of your highnes, your heires, and successours, and the welthe and profyte of this your realme: So that the said archbyshop, or any his successours, in no maner wise shal graunt any dispensation, licence, rescript, or any other writing afore rehersed, for any cause or matter repugnant to the lawe of almyghty god.

Be it also enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that the said archbyshop and his successours, after good & due examination by them had, of the causes and qualities of the persons procurynge for licences, dispensations, compositions, faculties, delegacies, rescriptis, instrumentes, or other writynges, shal haue full power and auctorite by them selfe, or by theyr sufficient and substanciall commissarie or deputie by theyr discretions from tyme to tyme, to graunt and dispose by an instrument vnder the name and seale of the sayd archbyshop, as wel to any of your subiectes, as to the subiectes of your heires and successours, all maner licences, dispensations, faculties, compositions, delegacies, rescriptes, instrumentes, or other writinges for any suche cause or matier, wherof heretofore suche licences, dispensations, cõpositions, faculties, delegacies, rescriptes, instrumentes, or writinges, haue bene accustomed to be had at the See of Rome, or by auctorite therof, or of any prelate of this realme. And that the said archbyshop and his commissarie shall not graunte anye other licence, dispensation, composition, facultie, writinge, or instrumente in causes vnwonte and not accustomed to be had or obteyned at the Courte of Rome, nor by auctorite therof, nor by any prelate of this realme, vntylle your grace, your heires, or successours, or your or theyr counsayle shall fyrst be aduertised therof, and determine whether suche licences, dispensations, compositions, faculties, or other

other wrytinges in suche causes vnwont and not accustomed to be dispensed withall, or obteyned, shall commonly passe as other dispensations, faculties, or other wrytynges, shal or no: vpon peyne that the graunters of euery suche licence, dispensation, or wrytynge in suche causes vnwont, contrarie to this acte, shal make fine at the wyl and pleasure of your grace your heires & successours. And if it be thought & determined by your grace your heires or successours, or your or their counsayle, that dispensations, faculties, licences, or other wrytinges in any suche cause vnwonte, shall passe: then the sayde archebyshop or his commissarie, hauynge licence of your highnes, your heires, or successours for the same, by your or their byl assigned, shal dispence with them accordyngly.

Prouided always, that no maner of dispensations, licences, faculties, or other rescriptes or wrytynges hereafter to be graunted to any person or persones by vertue or auctoryte of this acte by the sayde archebyshoppe, or his commissarie, beinge of suche importance, that the tare for the expedition therof at Rome, extended to the summe of foure pounder or aboue, shall in any wise be putte in execution, tylle the same licence, dispensation, faculte, rescripte, or other wrytynge, of what name or nature so euer it be of, be fyrste confyrmed by your highnes, your heyres, or successours, kinges of this realme, vnder the great seale, and inrolled in your Chauncerye in a rolle by a clerke to be appoynted for the same: And that this acte shalle be sufficiente warrante to the Chauncellour of Englande, for the tyme beynge, or to hym, whome youre grace, youre heyres or successours shall depute to be keper of the greate Seale, to confyrme in youre name, your heyres, or successours the foresayde wrytynges, passed vnder the saide archebyshops seale, by letters patentes in due forme therof to be made vnder your great seale, remittynge as well the sayd wrytynge, vnder the archebyshops seale, as the saide confirmation vnder the great seale, to the parties from tyme to tyme procurynge for the same. And that all suche licences, dispensations, facultees, and other rescriptes and wrytynges, for the expedition of the whiche the saide tares to be payde at Rome, was vnder.iiii.li. which be mattiers of no great importance, shal passe only by the archbyshops seale, & shal not of any necessite be confirmed by the great seale, oneles the procurers of suche licence, faculte, or dispensation, desire to haue them so confirmed: In which case they shal pay for the sayd great seale, to the vse of your highnes, your heires, and successours. v. s. sterlinges, and not aboue, ouer and beside suche tare as shall be hereafter limitted for the makynge, wrytinge, regestrynge, confirmynge, and inrollyng of suche licences confirmations & wrytynges, vnder the said tare of.iiii.li. And that euery suche licence, dispensation, composition, facultie, rescript, and wrytinge, of what name or nature so euer it be, for suche causes as the tare was wonte to be.iiii.li. or aboue, so granted by the archebyshop, and confirmed vnder the great seale, and all other licences, dispensations, faculties, rescriptes, and wrytinges hereafter to be granted by the archbyshop

by vertue and auctorite of this act, wherunto the great seale is not limitted of necessite to be put to, by reason that the tare of them is vnder. iiii.li. shalbe accepted, approued, allowed, and admitted good & effectuall in the lawe, in all places, courtes, and iurisdictions, as well spirituall as temporal within this realme, and els where, within your dominions, and as beneficiall to the persons obteynyng the same, as they shuld haue ben, if they had bene opteyned with all thynges requisite, of the See of Rome, or of any other persone by auctorite therof, without anye reuocation or repeale hereafter to be had of any such licences, dispensations, faculties, rescriptes or writtinges, of what nature so euer they be. And that al children procreated after solempnisation of any mariages to be hadde or done by vertue of such licences or dispensations, shalbe admitted, reputed, and taken legittimate in all courtis, as well spirituall as temporal, and in al other places, & inherite the inheritance of theyr parentis & ancestours within this your realme, and al other your dominions, accordyng to the lawes and customes of the same: and all actes to be done, had, or executed accordyng to the tenour of suche licences, dispensations, faculties, writynges, or other instrumentis to be made or graunted by auctoritie of this acte, shalbe firme, permanente, and remayne in force: any foreyne lawes, constitutions, decrees, canons, decretalles, inhibitions, vse, custome, prescription, or anye other thynge hadde, or hereafter to be made to the contrarye, not withstandynge.

¶ And be it further enacted, that the said archebyshop and his successours shall haue power and auctoritie to ordeyne, make, and constitute a clerke, which shal write & registre euery such licence, dispēsation, faculte, writing, or other instrument to be graunted by the sayd archebishop, and shal fynde parchement, were, and sylken laces conuenient for the same, and shall take for his peynes suche summes of money as shalbe here after in this present acte to hym limitted in that behalfe for the same. And that lyke wise your grace, your heires & successours, shal by your letters patētes, vnder your great seale, ordeyne depute and constitute one sufficient clerke, beinge lerned in the course of the Chancerie, whiche always shalbe attendant vpon the lorde Chancellour, or the lorde keper of the great seale, for the time beinge, and shal make write and enrolle the confirmations of al suche licences, dispensations, instrumentes, and other writynges, as shalbe thither brought vnder the archebishops seale, there to be confirmed and enrolled: And shal also intitle in his bokes and enroll of record suche other writtinges, as thither shalbe brought vnder the archebishops seale not to be confirmed, taking for his peynes suche reasonable summes of money, as here after by this acte to hym shalbe limitted for the same. And that as wel the sayde clerke appoynted by the sayd archebishop, as the sayde clerke to be appoynted by your highnes, your heyres, or successours, shall subscribe theyr names to euerye suche licence, dispensatton, faculte, or other writinge, that shal come to theyr handes to be writen, made, graūted, sealed, con-

confyrmed, regestred, and enrolled by auctoryte of this acte, in fourme as is before rehersed.

¶ AND for as moche as the charges of obteynyng the sayde licences, dispensations, faculties, and other rescriptes or wrytynges afore named, at the courte of Rome, by the losses and exchaunges, & in conductyng of currours, and wageinge solicitours, to sue for any suche licences, dyspensations, faculties, instrumentis, and other rescryptes or wrytynges, haue be greuous & exessiue to your people, & many tymes greatter sommes haue ben demanded for the spedy expedition in the courte of Rome, then be expressed in the olde taxe, limytted to be payde for the sayd expedicyons, wher by your people hath ben brought to an incertente vpon the payment for expedycions of suche thynges, and by reason therof haue ben constreyned to pay more then they were wont to do, to the great impouerysshyng of this realme, as is afore sayd. And some tymes the spedynge of suche dispensations, faculties, licences, and other wrytynges at Rome, haue ben so longe differred, that the parties labo[u]rynge for the same, haue suffred great incommodities and losse for lacke of quicke spede, whiche here after maye be had within this your realme, to the great comoditie of your people. Wherby the charges of makynge exchanges conductynge of currours and solicitours for the sayd dyspensations, shalbe abated, and your people so moche releued and eased, to thentent that all ambiguite and incertente of paymentes for dispensations, faculties, licences, and other rescryptes & wrytynges may be taken away, that no fraude or exaction shalbe exercised vpō your people, by suche officers as shalbe appointed by this acte, to take peynes in spedyng such dispensations, faculties, and licences: but that your people may be sure and certayne, what they be appointed to paye for the same: Be it enacted by this present parliament, and by the auctoryte of the same, that there shalbe two bokes drawen & made of one tenour: in which shalbe conteyned the taxes of all customable dispensations, faculties, licences, and other wrytynges, wonte to be spedde at Rome, whiche bokes and euery lefe of those bokes, and bothe sides of euery lefe, shalbe subscribed by the archebyshop of Canturburie, the lorde Chancellour of Englande, the lorde Treasourer of England, and the two chiefe Justices of both benches for the tyme beynge: to the which bokes all suters for dispensations, faculties, licences, & other wrytynges afore rehersed, shall haue recourse, yf they require it. And one of the sayd bokes shall remayne in the handes of hym, whiche shalbe appointed to be regester and scrybe of the said dispēsations, faculties & licences, vnder the said archbyshop of Canturburie, in fourme as is before sayd: And the other boke shall remayne with the clerke of the Chauncerie, whiche by your grace, your heyres, or successours shall be appointed, as is before rehersed. Whiche clerke of the Chauncerie shall also intitle and note partycularly and dayly in his boke, ordeyned for that purpose, the nombre and qualite of the dispensations, faculties, licences, and other rescriptes and wrytynges, which shalbe sealed onely with the seale of

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the said archebyshop: and also whiche shalbe sealed with the said seale, and confirmed with the great seale, in fourme as is before sayd, that al fraude and concelement in this behalfe may be auoyded.

¶ AND be it enacted, by this present parliament, that by thauctorite of the same, that no man suynge for dispensations, faculties, licences, or other rescriptes or writtinges, which where wont to be sped at Rome, shall pay any more for theyr dispensations licences or rescriptis, then shalbe contened, tared, and limitted in the sayde duplicate bokes of tares: onely compositions excepted, of which being arbitrarie no tare can be made: wherfore the tare therof shalbe set & limitted by the discretion of the said archbishop of Canturburie, and the lorde Chauncellour of Englande, or the lorde keper of the great seale, for the tyme beinge. And that suche as shall exacte or receyue of any suiter more for any dispensation, facultie, or licence then shalbe contened in the the sayde bokes of tares, shal forfayte ten times so moche, as he shal so extorciously exact and receyue: The one halfe of the whiche forfaiture to be to the vse of your grace, your heires, or successours, and the other halfe therof to be to such of your subiectes as wil sue for the same by action, bil, or playnt in any of your graces courtes, wherin the defendāt shall haue none essoen nor protection allowed, neither shalbe admitted to wage his lawe.

BE IT also enacted by this parliament and auctorite of the same, that the tare or summe appoynted to be payde for euery suche dispensation, licence, facultee, instrument, rescripte, or other writynge to be graunted by auctoritie of this acte, shalbe employed and ordered, as here after ensueth: that is to say, If the tare extende to. iiii. li. or aboue, by reason wherof the dispensation, licence, facultie, rescripte, or writinge, which shalle passe by the saide archebyshoppes seale, muste be confirmed by thappension of the greatte seale: then the sayde tare so extendynge to. iiii. li. or aboue, shall be deuyded in to. iii. partis, wherof two shall be percepued by the sayde clerke of the Chauncerie to be appoynted, as is aforesayde, to the vse of your highnes, your heyres, and successours, and to the vse of the lorde Chauncellour, or the keper of the great seale, for the tyme beynge, and to the vse of the sayde clerke, in suche wyse as hereafter shall be declared: And the thyrde parte shalle be taken by the sayde clerke of the archebyshoppe, to the vse of the same archebyshoppe and his commissarye and his sayde clerke and regester, in suche wyse as hereafter shall be ordered and limitted by this acte: That is to saye, The sayde two partes shall be deuided in foure partes, of whiche three partes shall be taken to the onely vse of youre hyghenes, youre heyres, and successours: and the fourthe parte shalbe deuyded in thre partes, wherof the Chauncellour of Englande, or lorde keper of the great seale, for the tyme beinge, shall haue two partes, and the sayde clerke of the Chauncerie the thyrde parte for his peynes, trauayle, and labours, that he is limitted to wryte and doo by vertue of this acte. And the sayde thirde parte of the hole tare, appoynted to the

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ſayde archbyſhoppe and his officers (as is afore ſayde) ſhall be deuyded in to three partes, wherof the archebyſhoppe ſhall haue to his vſe two partis, and his officers ſhall haue the thyrde part therof: of whiche thyrde parte to be deuyded in two partes, the ſayde clerke or regeſter, whiche ſhall fynde parchemente, ware, and ſylke, and ſhall deuyſe and wrpte the ſayd diſpenſations, licences, facultes, reſcriptes, or other wrytinges, & regeſtre the ſame, ſhall haue for his ſayde labour, and for receyuynge and repayenge of the ſummes of moneye, that ſhall comme to his handes for diſpenſations, facultes, licences, and other reſcriptes aforeſaide, the one moytie therof, and the commiſſarie of the ſayde archbyſhoppe, appoynted to ſeale the ſayde diſpenſations, facultes, licences, and other reſcriptes, ſhall haue the other parte. And if the tare be vnder foure. li. and not vnder. xl. s. the ſaid tare ſhalbe deuided into three partis, as is aforeſaid, wherof the kinges highnes, his heires, & ſucceſſours ſhall haue. ii. partis wherof, abating. iii. s. iiii. d. which ſhalbe to the ſaid clerke of the Chancery for ſubſcribyng entitelyng and enrollyng the ſaid diſpenſations, licences, facultes, reſcriptes, and other wrytinges aforeſayde, and receyuynge of the kynges moneye ſo tared: And the archebyſhoppe and his officers ſhall haue the thyrde parte, whiche thyrde parte ſhall be deuided into two partes, whereof the archebyſhoppe ſhall haue the one entierely to hym ſelfe, his ſcrybe and commiſſarie ſhall haue the other parte therof, egally to be deuyded amonges theym for they⁊ coſtes and peynes in that behalfe. And if the tare be vnder forty ſhyllinges, and not vnder. xxvi. ſhyllynges eight pence, the ſame tare ſhall be deuyded in to two partes, wherof the one parte ſhall be to your grace, your heyres, and ſucceſſours, deductyng therof. ii. s. for the clerke of the chancerie, for his peynes, as is aforeſayd: And the other part ſhalbe to the ſayde archebyſhop and his officers, whiche other parte ſhalbe deuided in to. ii. partis, wherof the archebiſhop ſhall haue the one, and his commiſſarie and ſcribe ſhall haue the other egallye deuided amonges them. And if the tare be vnder. xxvi. s. viii. d. and not vnder. xx. s. the ſame ſhalbe deuided in two partys, wherof your grace, your heires, and ſucceſſours ſhall haue the one parte entierlye, abatinge ii. s. therof to the ſayde clerke of the chauncerye: and the archebiſhop and his officers ſhall haue the other parte, and the ſame other parte ſhalbe deuided in to three partes, wherof the archebiſhop ſhall haue one, his commiſſarie the ſeconde, and his ſcribe or regeſter the thyrde. And in caſe the tare be vnder. xx. s. the ſame ſhalbe perceyued to the vſe of the ſayde commiſſarie, clerke of the ſayde archebiſhop, and clerke of the chancerye, to be egally deuided amongeſt them for they⁊ peynes and labours by them to be ſuſteyned by auctorytie of this acte, as is afore ſayde.

¶ Prouided alwayes that this acte ſhal not be prejudiciall to the archebyſhoppe of yorke or to any byſhoppe or prelate of this realme: but that they may laufully (not withſtandynge this acte) diſpence in al caſes, in whiche they were wont to diſpense by the common lawe or cuſtome of this realme afore

afore the makynge of this acte.

¶ Prouyded also, and be it enacted by auctorite aforesayde, that if it happen the see of the archbishoprich of Canturburie to be voyd, that then all suche maner licences, dispensations, faculties, instrumentes, rescriptus, and other writinges, whiche may be graunted by vertue and auctorite of this acte, shall (duryng the vacation of the same see) be had, done, and graunted vnder the name and seale of the gardyane of the spiritualties of the sayd archbyshoprich for the tyme beinge, accordynge to the tenour and fourme of this acte, and shall be of lyke force, value, and effecte, as if they hadde bene graunted vnder the name and seale of the archebyshoppe for the tyme beinge.

¶ And be it farther enacted, that if the foresayd archebyshop of Canturburie (for the tyme beinge) or the sayd gardian of the spiritualties, for the tyme beyng, hereafter refuse or denie to grant any lycences, dispensations, faculties, instrumentes, or other writinges, which they be auctorised to do by vertue and auctorite of this act, in suche maner and forme as is afore remembred to any person or persons, that ought of a good, iuste, and reasonable cause to haue the same, by reson wherof this present act by their wilfulnes, negligence, or defaulte, shulde take none effecte: than the Chancellour of Englande, or the lorde keper of the great seale, for the tyme beinge, vpon any complaynte therof made, shall directe the kynges writte to the sayd archbyshop or gardian, denienge or refusyng to graunte suche licences, dispensations, faculties, or other writynges, iniopynynge hym by the saide writte, vpon a certayne peyne therin to be limitted by the discretion of the sayde chauncellour, or keper of the great seale, that he shall in due forme graunt suche licence, dispensation, facultie, or other writynge, accordynge to the requeste of the procurers of the same: or els signifie vnto your highnes, your heires or successours in the courte of Chauncerie, at a certayn day, for what occasion or cause he refused and denied to grant suche licences, faculties, or dispensations. And if it shall appere to the said Chauncellour, or lorde keper of the great seale, vpon suche certificat, that the cause of refusall or denyall of grauntynge such licences, facultie, or dispensation was reasonable, iuste, and good: that then so beinge proued by due serche and examination of the sayd Chauncellour, or lorde keper of the great seale, to be admitted and allowed. And if it shall appere vppon the sayde certificat, that the sayde archebysshoppe or gardiane of the spiritualties, for the tyme beynge, of wylfulnes, in contempnynge the dewe execution of this acte, withoute a iuste and reasonable cause, refused or denied to graunte suche licence, facultie, or dispensation: that then your hyghenes, your heires and successours, beinge therof informed, after due examination had, that suche licences, faculties, or dispensations may be graunted, without offendyng the holy scriptures, and lawes of god, shall haue power and auctorite in euery suche case, for the defaulte, negligence, and wylfulnes of the sayd archbyshop, or gardiane, to

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ſende your wrytte of Inſunction, vnder your great ſeale, out of your ſaid courte of Chauncerie, commaundynge the archbyſhop or gardian, that ſo ſhall denie or refuſe to grant ſuch licence, facultie, or diſpenſation, to make ſufficient graunt therof, accordynge to the tenour and effecte of this acte, by a certayne day, and vnder a certayne peyne in the ſaid wrytte to be conteined, and to be limitted by your highnes, your heires or ſucceſſours, kinges of this realme. And if the ſaid archbyſhop or gardiane, after the receypte of the ſayde wrytte, refuſe or denie to graunt ſuche licences, facultie, or diſpenſations, as ſhall be inioyned hym by vertue of the ſayde wrytte, and ſhewe and proue before your maieſtie, youre heyres, or ſucceſſours, no iuſte or reaſonable cauſe, why he ſhoulde ſo doo: then the ſaide archebyſhoppe or gardiane, that ſo ſhall refuſe to put this acte in execution, accordynge to the ſayde wrytte of Inſunction, ſhall ſuffre, loſe, and forfaute to your highnes, your heires, and ſucceſſours, ſuche peyne and penaltie, as ſhalbe limitted and expreſſed in the ſayde wrytte of Inſunction. And ouer that it ſhalbe laufull to your highnes, your heires, and ſucceſſours, for euery ſuche defaulte and wylfulnes of the ſayd archebyſhoppe or gardiane, for the tyme beinge, to gyue power and auctorytie by commiſſion, vnder your great ſeale to ſuche two ſpirituall prelatis or perſons to be named by your highnes, your heires or ſucceſſours, as woll do and graunt ſuche licences, facultes, and diſpenſations, refuſed or denied to be granted by the ſaid archebyſhop, or gardian, in contempte of this acte.

¶ And be it ferther enacted, by auctorytie afore ſayde, that the ſayde two ſpirituall prelates or perſones, to whome in ſuche caſes, any ſuche commiſſion ſhalbe directed, ſhall haue power and auctorite to grant euery ſuch licence, facultie, diſpenſation, inſtrument, and other wrytinges ſo refuſed to be granted by the ſayd archbyſhop or gardian, for the tyme beinge, by an inſtrumente vnder theyr ſeales, takynge lyke fees and charges for the ſame, as is before reherſed, and not aboue, vnder the peynes afore remembred. And that euery ſuche licence, facultie, and diſpenſation ſo graunted for any caſes or matters, wherunto any confirmation vnder the kynges great ſeale is appoynted by this acte, to be had in maner and forme aboue declared, ſhall be had and obteyned accordyngely. And ſuche licences and confirmations ſhalbe had for lyke fees and charges, as they ar aboue ſpecified, and not aboue, vnder the peynes aboue mencioned. And that euery ſuche lycence, facultie, diſpenſation, and other wrytynge to be granted by the ſayde prelates or perſons to be aſſigned by the kynges highnes, his heires, and ſucceſſours, as is aforeſaid, ſhalbe of as good value, ſtrength, and effecte, and as beneficiall and profitable to the perſones procurynge the ſame, as if they had ben made granted and obteyned vnder the name and ſeale of the ſaid archbyſhop.

¶ Prouided alwayes that this act nor any thing or thinges therin conteined, ſhalbe hereafter interpreted or expouned, that your grace, your nobles, & ſubiectes intende by the ſame to declyne or vary from the congregation of

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Chriſtis churche, in any thinges, concernyng the verey articles of the Catholike feith of chriſtendome, or in any other thinges declared by holy ſcripture and the worde of god neceſſarie for youre and theyr ſaluations: but onelye to make an ordenance by policies neceſſarie and conueniente to repreſſe vice, and for good conſeruation of this realme in peace, vnitie, and tranquillite, from rauine and ſpoyle, inſewynge moche the olde auncient cuſtomes of this realme in that behalfe: Not myndyng to ſeke for any releſes, ſuccours, or remedies for any worldly thynges and humayne lawes, in any cauſe of neceſſitie, but within this realme, at the handes of your highnes, your heyres, and ſucceſſours kynges of this realme, which haue and ought to haue an imperiall power and auctorite in the ſame, and not obliged in any worldly cauſes to any other ſuperiour.

¶ Prouyded alway that the ſayde archebyſſhop of Canturburie, or anye other perſone or perſones, ſhall haue no power or auctorite by reaſon of this act, to viſete or vere any monaſteries, abbeys, priories, colleges, hoſpitals, houſes, or other places religious, whiche be or were exempte before the makynge of this acte: any thyng in this act to the contrary therof not withſtandynge: but that redreſſe, viſitation, and confirmation ſhalbe had by the kynges highnes, his heyres, and ſucceſſours by commiſſion vnder the great ſeale to be directed to ſuche perſones, as ſhall be appoynted requiſite for the ſame, in ſuche monaſteries, colleges, hoſpitals, priorves, houſes and places religious exempt. So that no viſitation nor confirmation ſhall from hensforth be had nor made, in or at any ſuche monaſteries, colleges, hoſpitals, priorves, houſes, and places religious exempte by the ſayd byſhoppe of Rome, nor by any of his auctorite, nor by any out of the kynges dominions. Nor that any perſon religious or other reſiant in any the kynges dominions, ſhall from hensforth depart out of the kynges dominions, to or for any viſitation, congregation, or aſſemble for religion: but that all ſuche viſitations, congregations, and aſſemblees ſhalbe within the kynges dominions.

¶ Prouyded alſo, that this preſent acte, or any thynge therin conteyned, or any licence or diſpenſation hereafter to be made by vertue and auctorite therof, ſhall not extende to the repeale or derogation of the late acte made ſith the begynnynge of this preſent parliament, for reformation of pluralities of benefices, and for none reſidences of ſpirituall perſons vpon their dignities or benefices, nor to any thynges conteyned or mencioned in the ſayd acte. Nor that this acte, nor any thynge to be done by auctorite therof, ſhall not be taken, expounded, nor interpreted, to geue licence to anye perſon or perſons, to haue any more nombre of benefices, then is limitted in the ſayd act. And that the ſame acte for pluralitees and none reſydences of benefices, and euery thynge therin conteyned ſhall ſtande good and effectuall in all intentes, accordynge to the true meanyng therof: any thing in this preſent acte, or any licence or diſpenſation to be hadde by auctorite therof in any wiſe not withſtandynge.

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¶ And be it further enacted by auctorite afore sayde, that if any person or persons, subiecte or resiaunt within this realme, or with in any of the kynges dominions, at any tyme hereafter sue to the courte of Rome, or the see of Rome, or to any person clayminge to have his auctorite by the same, for any licence, facultee, dispensation, or other thynge or thynges contrarye to this acte, or put in execution any licence, facultee, or dispensation, or any other thynge or thynges hereafter to be optayned from Rome or the see of Rome, or from any claymynge auctorite by the same, for any of the causes above mencioned in this acte, or for any other causes that maye be graunted by auctorite of this acte, or attempte or do any thyng or thynges, contrarye to this acte, or mayntayne, allowe, admitte, or obey any maner of censures, excommunications, interdictions, or any other processe from Rome, of what name or nature so euer hit be, to the derogation or lette of the execution of this acte, or of any thynge or thynges to be done by reason of the sayd acte: that then euery suche person or persons so doinge, offendinge, and beinge therof convicte, their abettors, counsailours, and abbettours shall incurre and ronne in to the peyne, losse, and penalte comprised and specified in the act of Præmunire, made in the tyme of our moost noble progenitour kynge Richarde the seconde, agayns suche as sue to the Courte of Rome, agaynste youre Crowne and dignitie royall.

¶ Prouided alwaye that this acte or any thynge therin contayned shall not hereafter be taken nor expounded to the derogation or takynge away of any grantes or confirmations of any liberties, priuileges, or iurisdictiõ of any monasteries, abbeys, priories, or other houses or places exempte, which heretofore the makyng of this act, hath ben obteyned at the See of Rome, or by auctorite therof, but that euery suche graunte and confirmation shalbe of the same value, force, and effect, as they were afore the makynge of this acte, and as if this acte had neuer ben made. Prouided alwayes, that the abbottis, priours, and other chefe rulers, & gouernours of suche monasteries, abbeys, priories, and other houses & places exempt, shall not hereafter pay any pension, portion, or other rente to the See of Rome, nor admit or accept any visitation nor any confirmation from or by the sayde see of Rome, or by auctorite therof, of or for any person to be elect named or presented, to be herdes of any suche monasteries, abbeys, priories, places, or houses exempte: nor shal make any corporal othe to the bishop of Rome, other wise called the pope, vpon the peynes limitted in this acte: But that euery suche visitation and confirmation of suche herdes electe in any suche monasteries, abbeys, priories, houses, or places exempt, where after their election, they were bounden to haue and obteyne any confirmation of their election, or of the person named, presented, or electe, shalbe from henceforth had, made, and done within this realme, as within euery suche abbeys, monasteries, priories, and other houses and places exempte by suche person and persons as shalbe appoynted by auctorite of

the kinges commission from tyme to time, as the case shal require, and not by the See of Rome nor by auctorite therof, any thynge in this newe prouiso aboue specified to the contrary therof not withstandynge.

¶ Prouided alwayes, that in suche monasteries, abbeys, priories, and houses exempte, where after election, presentation, or nomination of theyr heedes, no suche confirmation is requisite to be had, nor hathe ben vsed to be taken by reason of suche priuileges as they haue concerninge the same, that in euery suche monasteries, abbeys, priories, and places exempt, they shal not be bounden to obteine haue or take any confirmation for the same within this realme, by auctorite of this acte, but vse theyr priuileges therin, as they haue done before the makynge of this acte, any thynge in this acte, or any the prouisos newe aboue rehersed, to the contrarye therof not withstandynge.

¶ Prouyded also and be it enacted, that this acte or any thyng or thinges worde or wordes therin, or in the preamble therof mencioned or conteyned, is not intended or ment, nor shall be expounded nor interpret, that any dispensations, licences, or confirmations for mariages, graunted to any the kynges subiectes, borne vnder his obeysaunce, at any tyme before the. xii. day of March, in the yere of our lorde god. M.D. XXXIII. shalbe appeired or of any lesse value, strengthe, force, or effecte, than they were, at the sayde. xii. daye of Marche. Nor that this acte, or any thynge therin conteyned, shall not extende to the derogation, appeyringe, or adnullation of any lycences, dispensations, confyrmations, faculties, or indulgences at any tyme before the sayde. xii. day of March, in the yere of oure lorde god. M. D. XXXIII. had or obteyned at the See of Rome, or by auctorite therof to or for any subiectis borne in this realme, or in any the kynges dominions, or to or for the hospitall of the priour of sayncte Ionis Ierusalem in Englande, or any cõmandres or membres therof, or to or for any other cathedrall churches, hospitals, monasteries, abbeys, priouries, colleges, conuentuall churches, parochiall churches, chappels, fraternities, brotherheedes or bodyes politike within this realme, or in any other the kinges dominions: but that euery suche licence, dispensation, confirmation, faculte, and indulgence, graunted before the sayd. xii. daye of March to any suche subiecte, or to the sayd hospitall of the priour of sayncte Ionis Ierusalem in Englande, and commandres or membres therof, or to any other cathedrall churche, hospitalle, monastrie, abbey, priorie, college, church conuentuall, parochiall churche, chappell, fraternitie, brotherheed, or bodye politike, or to theyr predecessours, or auncetours within this realme, or in any other the kynges dominions, shall be of the same force, strength, value, and effecte, and may be from tyme to tyme putte in execution at all tymes hereafter by and to them that wyl vse and haue the same, as they mought haue ben afore the makynge of this act, and as if this act had neuer ben had nor made, any thyng in the said act to the contrarie therof not withstandynge.

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¶ Prouyded alwayes, that suche licences, dispensations, confyrmations, or faculties heretofore obteyned at the See of Rome, or by auctorite therof, contrarye to the expresse prouisyons of the lawes and statutes of this realme heretofore made, shall not at any tyme hereafter be vsed or putte in execution in any case, to the derogation or contrarye to the sayde lawes and statutes of this realme, and the prouisions of the same: Any thynge in this Prouiso to the contrary therof not withstandyng.

¶ And be it enacted by auctorite of this presente parlyamente, that the kynge our soueraygne lorde, by the aduyse of his honourable counsayle, shall haue power and auctoritie from tyme to tyme, for the ordetynge, redresse, and reformation of al maner of Indulgences and priuileges therof within this realme, or within any the kynges dominions heretofore obteined at the see of Rome, or by auctorite therof, and of the abuses of suche indulgences and priuileges therof, as shall seme good, holsome, and reasonable for the honour of god and weale of his people: And that suche order and redresse, as shall be taken by his hyghnes in that behalfe, shall be obserued and fyrmely kepte vppon the peynes lymytted in this acte for the offendynge of the contentes of the same.

An acte declarynge the establyshement of the succession of the kynges mooste royal maiestie in the imperiall crowne of this realme. Capitulo. xxii.

In theyr moste humble wyse shewen vnto your maiestie, your mooste humble and obedient subiectes, the lordes spiritual and temporal, and the commons in this presēt parliament assembled, that syns it is the naturall inclination of euery man gladly and wyllynglye to prouyde for the suretie of both his title and succession, al though it touche his onelye priuate cause: We therfore mooste ryghtfull and dredfull souerayne lorde, reken our selfes moche more bounden to beseche and instant your hyghnes, al though we doubt not of youre princely harte and wysedome, myxed with a naturall affection to the same, to for se and prouide for the perfyte surety of both you and of your mooste laufull succession and heyres, vppon whiche dependeth all oure ioye and welthe: in whome also is vnited and knytte the onelye mere trewe inheretaunce and tytle of this realme, without any contradiction. Wherfore we your sayd moste humble and obedient subiectes, in this present parliament assembled, callynge to our remembraunce the great diuisions, which in tymes paste haue ben in this realme by reason of seuerall tytles pretended to the imperiall crowne of the same, which somtymes, and for the most parte ensued by occasion of ambyguite and doubtes, then not so perfectly declared, but that men myghte vpon frowarde intentes expounde them to euery mannes sinistre appetite & affection, after their sence, contrary to the

ryght legalite of the ſucceſſion and poſteritie of the laufull kinges and emperours of this realme: wherof hath inſued great effuſion & deſtruccion of mans bloud, as well of a great nombre of the nobles as of other the ſubiectes, & ſpecially inheritours in the ſame. And the greateſt occaſion therof hath ben bycauſe no perfecte and ſubſtanciall prouiſion by lawe hath ben made within this realme of it ſelfe, when doubtes and queſtions haue ben moued and proponed of the certeyntie and legalitie of the ſucceſſyon and poſteritie of the crowne. By reaſon wherof the biſhop of Rome & ſee apoſtolike, contrarie to the great and inuiolable grauntes of iuriſdictions giuen by god immediatly to emperours, kinges, & prynces in ſucceſſyon to their heyres, hath preſumed in tymes paſt to inueſt, who ſhulde pleaſe theym to inherite in other mennes kyngdomes and dominions: whiche thynge we your moſte humble ſubiectes, bothe ſpirituall and temporall, do moſt abhorre & deteſte. And ſometymes other forayne prynces & potentates of ſondry degrees, minding rather diſſenſion & diſcorde to continue in the realme, to the vtter deſolation therof, then chaſte, equite, or vnite, haue many times ſupported wronge tytles, wherby they mighte the more eaſily and facilly aſpire to the ſuperiorite of the ſame. The continuance and ſufferance wher of depely conſidered and pondred, were to daungerous and perylous to be ſuffred any lenger within this realme, and to moche contrarie to the vnitye, peace, and tranquillite of the ſame, beinge greatly reprocheable and diſhonorable to the hoolle realme.

¶ IN CONSIDERATION wherof youre ſayd moſt humble and obedient ſubiectes, the nobles and comunes of this realme, callynge further to theyr remembrance, that the good vnitie, peace, and welthe of this realme, and the ſucceſſion of the ſubiectes of the ſame mooſte ſpeciallye and principallye aboue all worldely thynges, conſiſteth and reſteth in the certayntie and ſuretie of the procreation, and poſteritie of your hyghnes, in whoſe moſte royall perſone at this preſent tyme is no maner of doubte nor queſtion, do therfore mooſte humbly beſeche your hyghenes, that it maye pleaſe your maieſtie, that it may be enacted by your hyghnes, with the aſſent of the lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the comunes in this preſent parliament aſſembled, and by auctorite of the ſame, that the mariage heretofore ſolempniſed betwene your hyghnes and the lady Catherine, beinge before laufulle wyfe to prince Arture, your elder brother, whiche by him was carnally knowen, as dothe duely appere by ſufficient proue in a laufull proceſſe had and made before Thomas, by the ſufferaunce of god, now archebyſhop of Canturburye and Metropolitane and primate of all this realme, ſhall be by auctorite of this preſent parliament, diffinitiuely, clerely, and abſolutely declared, demed, and adiudged to be ageynſte the lawes of almyghty god, and alſo accepted, reputed, and taken of no value ne effecte: but vtterlye voyde and adnichuled: and the ſeparation therof made, by the ſayd archebyſhoppe ſhalbe good and effectuall to al intentis and purpoſes: any licence, diſpenſation, or any other acte or actes goinge

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afore, or insuinge the same, or to the contrary therof, in any wyse not with standynge. And that euery suche licence, dispensation, acte or actes, thing or thinges heretofore had, made, done or to be done to the contrarye therof shall be voyde and of none effecte. And that the sayde ladye Catharine shalbe from henseforth called and reputed only dowager to prince Arture, & not quene of this realme. And that the lawful matrimonie had & solempnised betwene your hyghnes, and your moofte dere and entierlye beloued wyfe quene Anne shalbe establyshed, and taken for vndoubtefulle, trewe, syncere, and perfecte euer hereafter, accordynge to the iuffe iudgement of the sayd Thomas archbyshop of Canturbury, metropolitane and primate of all this realme, whose groundes of iudgement haue ben confirmed as well by the holle clergie of this realme, in bothe the conuocations, and by bothe the vniuersities therof, as by the vniuersities of Bonony, Padua, Paris, Orleance, Tolouse, Angiew, and dyuers others: And also by the priuate writynges of many ryght excellent well lerned menne. Whiche groundes so confirmed, and iudgement of the sayde archebyshoppe ensuynge the same, to gether with your maryage solempnysed, betwene youre hyghenelle, and your sayd lawfull wyfe Quene Anne, we youre sayde subiectes bothe spirituallc and temporalle, doo purely, playnely, constantly, and fyrmely accepte, approue, and ratifie for good and consonante to the lawes of almyghty god, without errour or defaute: Moofte humbly beseechynge your maieftie, that it may be so establyshed for euer by your moofte gratious and royall assente.

¶ And furthermore syns many inconuenientes haue fallen as well within this realme as in others, by reason of maryenge within the degrees of mariage prohibite by goddis lawes, that is to saye, The sonne to marye the mother, or the stepmother: The brother the syster: The father, his sonnes daughter, or his doughters doughter, or the son to mary the doughter of his father, procreate and borne by his stepmother: or the sonne to marye his aunt, beynge his fathers or mothers syster: or to marye his vncles wyfe: or the father to marye his sonnes wyfe, or the brother to marye his brothers wyfe, or any manne to marye his wyfes doughter, or his wyfes sonnes doughter, or his wyfes doughters doughter, or his wyfes syster. Whiche mariages all be it they be playnely prohibite and detefted by the lawes of god, yet neuer the leffe at somtymes they haue proceded vnder colours of dispensations by mans power, whiche is but vsurped, and of ryght ought not to be graunted, admytted, ne allowed. For no man, of what estate, degree, or condicion soo euer he be, hathe power to dispence with goddis lawes, as all the clergie of this realme in the sayde Conuocations, and the moofte part of all the famous vniuersities of Christendome, and we also do affirme and thynke.

¶ Be it therfore enacted by auctorite aforesayde, that no persone or persones, subiectes or resiantes of this realme, or in any your dominions, of what estate, degree, or dignitie so euer they be, shall from henseforth mary

within the sayde degrees afore rehersed, what pretence so euer shalbe made to the contrarye therof. And in case any person or persons, of what estate, dignitie, degree, or condition so euer they be, hath ben heretofore maried within this realme, or in any the kynges dominions, within anye the degrees aboue expressed, and by anye the archebyshoppes, byshoppes, or ministers of the Churche of Englande, be separate frome the boundes of suche vnlawfull marryage, that then euery suche separation shall be good, lawfulle, fyrme, and permanent for euer: And not by any power, auctorytie, or meanes to be reuoked or vndone hereafter. And that the chyldeyne procedynge or procreate vnder suche vnlawfulle marryage, shall not be lawefulle ne legittimate: any forayne lawes, lycences, dyspensations, or other thynge or thynges to the contrarye therof not withstandynge.

And in case there be any person or persons within this realme, or in any the kinges dominions, airedy maried within any the sayde degrees aboue specified, & not yet separat from the boũdes of such vnlauful mariage: that thẽ euery such pson so vnlaufully maried, shalbe separate by the diffinitiue sentence and iudgementes of the archebyshops, byshops, and other ministers of the churche of Englande, and in other your dominions within the limittes of theyr iursdictions and auctorites, and by none other power or auctorite. And that all sentences and iudgementes, gyuen, and to be gyuen by any archebyshoppe, byshop, or other minister of the churche of Englande, or in other the kynges dominons, within the limittes of theyr iurisdictions and auctorite, shalbe diffinitiue, firme, good, and effectual to al intentes, and be obserued and obeyed without suynge any prouocatiõs, appeles, prohibitions, or other processe frome the courte of Rome, to the derogation therof, or contrarie to the act made syns the begynnyng of this present parliament for restraynte of suche prouocations, appeles, prohitions, and other processis.

¶ AND also be it enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that all the issue hadde and procreate, or hereafter to be had and procreate betwene your highnes, and your sayde moste dere and entierly beloued wyfe Quene Anne, shal be your lawfull chylderne, and be inheritable and inheryte accordynge to the course of inheritance and lawes of this realme, the emperial crowne of the same, with al dignities, honours, preheminences, prerogatiues, auctorities, and iurisdictions to the same annered or belongynge, in as large and ample maner, as your highnes at this present tyme hath the same, as king of this realme, the inheritance therof to be & remayn to your sayd children & right heires, in maner and forme as hereafter shalbe declared. That is to say, fyrst the sayd imperial crowne, and other the premisses, shalbe to your maiestie, and to your heires of your body laufully begotte, that is to sey, to the fyrst sonne of your body betwene your highnes, and your sayde lauful wyfe Quene Anne begotten, and to the heires of the bodye of the same fyrste sonne laufully begotten. And for defaut of suche heyres, then to the

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ſeconde ſonne of your body, and of the body of the ſayd Quene Anne, begotten, and to the heires of the body of the ſayd ſeconde ſonne laufully begotten. And ſo to euery ſonne of your body, and of the body of the ſayde Quene Anne begotten, and to the heyres of the body of euery ſuche ſonne begotten, accordyng to the courſe of inheritance in that behalfe. And yf it ſhall happen your ſayde dere and entierly beloued wyfe quene Anne to deceſſe without iſſue male of the body of your hyghnes to be gotten (which god defende) then the ſame imperial crowne, and al other the premiſſes to be to your maieſtie, as is aforeſaid, and to the ſon and heire male of your body laufully begotten, and to the heires of the body of the ſame ſonne and heire male laufully begotte. And for defaute of ſuch iſſue, the to your ſecõd ſonne of your body laufully begotte, & to the heires of the body of the ſame ſecond ſonne laufully begotten: And ſo from ſonne and heire male, to ſonne and heire male, and to the heires of the ſeuerall bodyes of euery ſuch ſonne and heire male to be gotten, accordynge to the courſe of inheritance, in like maner and fourme as is aboue ſayde. And for defaute of ſuche ſonnes of your body begotten, and of the heires of the ſeuerall bodyes of euery ſuche ſonnes laufully begotten, that then the ſayde imperiall crowne, and other the premiſſes, ſhall be to the iſſue female betwene your maieſtie and your ſayde moſte dere and entierly beloued wyfe quene Anne begotten. That is to ſaye, Fyrſte to the eldeſt iſſue female, whiche is the lady Elizabeth nowe princes, and to the heires of her body laufully begotten: And for defaulte of ſuche iſſue, then to the ſeconde iſſue female, and to the heires of her body laufully begotten: And ſo from iſſue female to iſſue female, and to their heyres of theyr bodies one after another, by courſe of inheritaunce, accordynge to theyr ages, as the crowne of Englande hath ben accuſtomed and ought to go in caſes when there be heires females to the ſame. And for defaute of ſuche iſſue: then the ſayde imperiall crowne, and all other the premiſſes, ſhalbe in the ryght heyres of your hyghnes for euer.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctorite aforeſayd, that on this ſyde the fyrſte daye of May next commynge, proclamations ſhall be made in all ſhyres within this realme of the tenour and contentis of this acte. And yf any perſone or perſones, of what eſtate, dignitie, or condycion ſo euer they be, ſubiecte or reſeaunt within this realme, or elſys where, within any the kynges dominions, after the ſayd fyrſte daye of May, by wrytynge or imprintynge, or by any exterior acte or dede, maliciouſly procure or doo, or cauſe to be procured or done any thing or thinges to the peryl of your moſt royall perſon, or maliciouſly gyue occaſyon by writyng, prynt, dede or acte, wherby your hyghnes myght be diſtourbed or interrupted of the crowne of this realme: or by wrytynge, prynt, dede, or acte, procure or do, or cauſe to be procured or done any thynge or thynges to the preiudice, ſclaunder, diſtourbance, or derogation of the ſayde laufull matrimonie ſolempniſed betwene your maieſtie and the ſayd quene Anne: or to the peryl, ſclander, or diſheriſon of any the iſſues and heires of your hyghnes, beyng limitted

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by this acte to inherite and to be inheritable to the crowne of this realme, in suche forme as is afore sayde: wherby any such issues or heyres of your highnes myght be distroyed, disturbed, or interrupted in body or title of inheritance to the Crowne of this realme, as to them is lymitted in this act, in forme aboue rehersed: that then euerye suche persone and persones, of what estate, degree, or condicion they be of, subiecte or reseant within this realme, and they? aydours, counsaylours, mayntaynours, & abbettours, and euery of them, for euery suche offence shall be adiuged high traitours, and euery suche offence shalbe adiudged high treason, and the offendours and they? aydours, counsaylours, mayntaynours, and abbettours, and euery of theym beinge lawfully conuicte of suche offence by presentment, verdicte, confession, or processe, accordynge to the customes and lawes of this realme, shall suffre peynes of dethe, as in cases of hygh treason. And that also euery suche offendour, beinge conuicte, as is aforesayd, shall lose and forfayte to your hyghnes, and to your heires kinges of this realme, al such manours, londes, tenementes, rentis, annuities, and hereditamentis, whiche they had in possession, as owners, or were sole seased of, by or in any right, title, or meanes, or any other person or persones had to they? vse, of any estate of inherytaunce, at the day of such treasons and offences by them commytted and done. And shall also lose and forfayte to your hyghnes, and to your sayd heyres, as well all maner suche estates of freeholde and interestis, for peres of landes and rentes, as all they? goodes, cattalles and debtis, which they had at the tyme of conuiction or atteynder of any suche offence. Sauynge always to euery person and persons, and bodyes polytike to they? heires, assignes, and successours, and euerye of them, other then suche persons as shalbe so conuicte, and they? heires and successours, and all other claymyng to they? vses, al suche right, title, vse, interesse, possession, condicion, rentes, fees, offyces, annuities, and communes, whiche they or any of them shall happen to haue, in, to, or vppon any suche manours, londes, tenementes, rentes, annuities, or hereditamētes, that shall so happen to be loste and forfayte by reason of atteyndre, for any the treasons and offences aboue rehersed, at any tyme before the sayde treasons and offences commytted.

¶ AND be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesayd, that yf any person or persons, after the sayd fyrste day of May, by any wordes without writynge, or any exteriour dede or acte maliciously and obstinately publyshe, diuulge, or vtter any thynge or thynges to the peryll of your hyghnes, or to the sclaunder or preiudice of the sayd matrimonie, solempnised betwene your hyghnes and the sayd quene Anne: or to the sclaunder or dishersion of the issue and heyres of your body begotten, and to be gotten of the sayde quene Anne, or any other your lawfull heyres, whiche shalbe inheritable to the crowne of this realme, as is afore limitted by this act: that then euery suche offence shall be taken and adiudged for mesprision of treason. And that euery person and persons, of what estate, degree, or condicion so euer

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they be, subiecte or reseant within this realme, or in any the kynges dominions, so doynge and offendynge, and beynge therof laufully conuicte by presentement, verdicte, processe, or confession, shall suffre imprysonement of theyr bodyes at the kynges wyll, and shal lose as well all theyr goodes, cattalles, and debtis, as al suche interesses, and estates of free holde, or for yeres, whiche any suche offendour shall haue of or in any londes, rentes, or heredytamentes, what so euer at the tyme of conuictyon and atteyndre of suche offence.

¶ AND be it also enacted by auctoritye afore sayde, that no persone nor persones offendynge in any the treasons or mesprisions conteyned and lymytted by this act, shall in any wyse haue or inioye the priuilege or immunitie of any maner of sainctuaries within this realme, or els where within any the kynges dominions, but shall vtterlye lose and be excluded of the same: any vse, custome, graunt, prescriptyon, confirmation, or any other thynge or thynges, to the contrarye therof in any wyse not withstandyng.

And be it also enacted by auctorite afore sayde, that yf youre magestie shulde happen to dyscesse before anye suche youre issue and heyre male, whiche shulde inheryte the crowne of this realme shall be of his aege of xviii. yeres, or before such your issue & heire female, which shuld inherit the crowne of this realme, shalbe maried, or be of the aege of. xvi. yeres (which almyghty god defend) that then your sayd issue & heire male to the crowne so beyng within the sayde age of. xviii. yeres, or your sayde issue and heyre female to the crowne, being vnmaried, or within the said age of. xvi. yeres, shalbe & remayne vnto such tyme as suche issues and heyres shall come to theyr sayd seuerall ages afore limitted, at and in the gouernance of theyr naturall mother, she lyuynge, with suche others counsaylours of your realme as your maiestie in your lyfe tyme shall depute and assygne by your wyll, or otherwyse for the same, without contradyction of any person or persones to the contrarye therof. And yf any person or persones by wrytynge or exteriour dede or acte, procure or do, or cause to be procured or done any thynge or thynges to the lette or disturbaunce of the same: that then euery suche offence shalbe hygh treason, and the offendours, beynge therof conuicte, shall suffre suche peynes of deth, and losses of inheritance, freholdes, interestes for yeres, goodes, catalles, and debtes in suche maner and fourme as is aboue specified in cases of treason afore mencyoned.

¶ AND for the more sure establyshemēt of the successyon of your most royall maiestie, accordynge to the tenour and fourme of this acte: Be it further enacted by auctoryte afore sayd, that as well all the nobles of your realme spirituall and temporall, as all other your subiectes nowe lyuynge & beynge, or that hereafter shalbe at theyr full ages, by the commaundement of your maiestie, or of your heyres, at all tymes hereafter from time to time when it shall please your hyghnes, or your heyres to appoynt, shall make a corporall othe in the presence of your highnes, or your heyres: or before suche other, as your maiestie or your heyres wyll depute for the same, that

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they ſhall truely, fyrmely, and conſtatlye withoute fraude or gyle obſerue, fulfyll, mayntayne, defende and kepe, to theyr cunnynge, wytte, and vttermooſte of theyr powers, the hole effectes and contentes, of this preſente acte. And that all maner youre ſubiectes, as welle ſpirityall as temporall ſuing lyueray, reſtitutions, or oter le mayn out of the handes of your highnes, or of youre heyres, or doinge any fealtie to your hyghnes, or to your heyres, by reaſon of tenure of theyr landes, ſhal ſwere a lyke corporel othe, that they and euerye of theym, withoute fraude or gyle, to theyr cunnynge, witte, and vttermooſte of theyr powers, ſhall truelye, fermelye, and conſtantely obſerue, fulfyll, maynteyne, defende, and kepe the effectes & contentes conteyned and ſpecified in this act, or in any parte therof. And that they nor any of them ſhall hereafter haue any liuerayes, oter le mayne, or reſtitution out of your handes, nor out of the handes of your heyres, tylle they haue made the ſayde corporell othe, in fourme aboue reherſed. And if any perſon or perſones, beinge commaunded by auctorittie of this acte, to make the ſaid othe afore limitted, obſtinately refuſe that to do in contempt of this acte: that then euery ſuche perſon (ſo doinge) to be taken and accepted for offendour in meſprſion of high treaſon. And that euery ſuche refuſall ſhalbe demed and adiudged meſprſion of hygh treaſon, and the offendour therin to ſuffre ſuche peynes and imprſonment, loſſes and forfaytures, and alſo loſe priuileges of ſayntuaries, in lyke maner and forme as is aboue mencioned for the meſprſions of treſons afore lymitted by this act. Prouided alwayes, that the article in this acte conteyned concernynge prohibitions of mariages within the degrees afore mencioned in this act, ſhall alwayes be taken, interpreted, and expownded of ſuche mariages, where mariages were ſolemniſed, and carnall knowlege was had.

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